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Twenty-second Annual Meeting.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions in York, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the sixteenth and continued until the evening of the twenty-second day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod convened in the First Reformed Church of York, York County, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 16th, A. D. 1894, at 7.30 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., at the request of the retiring President, from Acts 28: 31—"Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened by him with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

Delegates Present.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers:—Jacob O. Miller, D.D., Aaron Spangler, Phaon W. Snyder,[2g] and Aaron H. Leiss[2].

Elders:—Charles A. Shultz, Milton W. Bahn, Lewis W. Feistel, and John H. Bowman[h].

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers:—Lloyd E. Coblentz, J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., William Goodrich, Calvin S. Slagle, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, William I. Stewart, John G. Noss, Joseph W. Santee, D.D., Henry F. Dittmar, George W. Snyder,[j] Samuel M. Roeder, Adam S. Weber,[h] and Conrad Clever,[4] D.D.

Elders:—Jacob H. Cost, H. Wirt Shriver, Edward A. Shriner, David M. Schnebly,[h] W. Scott Kefauver, David C. Hammett,[i] Goldsborough S. Griffith, Andrew A. Hammar,[h] Abraham H. Geiman,[3] Oscar D. Gilbert,[5h] James M. Gervin,[6] and William H. Harry.[8i]

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers:—Tilghman R. Dietz, William C. Cremer, Sefellen E. Stoffler,[j] George B. Russell, D.D., Irwin M. Beaver and George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.

Elders:—Loudon F. Benchoff,[j] George W. Lachman, Thomas W. Cashman,[h] Thomas G. Zarger,[j] Reuben Shover,[3h] and George A Wood.[4h]

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers:—John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Samuel A. Hitner,[b] Calvin B. Heller, Henry Ditzler, Nehemiah H. Skyles,[3] and Thomas K. Cromer.[4]

Elders:—William A. Pence, Henry J. Seibert, Theodore H. Davis, Jacob Z. Fravel,[3] and Americus J. Souder.[5]

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers:—Paul Barringer, Jacob C. Leonard, and Jacob M. L. Lyerly.

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers:—George P. Stem, Thomas J. Barkley, D.D., John F. Mackley, M.D.,[i] George B. Resser,[3] John H. Hartman,[3] and Milton M. Noacher.[3]

Elders:—Isaac F. Brinkerhoff,[d] George N. Forney,[2] William H. Deatrick,[3i] Solomon Swartz,[3] Jacob Gochenour,[3] and Emanuel Renoll.[3j]

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers:—Joseph W. Bell, J. David Miller, James M. Runkle, and William H. Groh.

Elders:—Samuel S. Brenner,[j] Ephraim A. Shulenberger,[j] D.D.S., Joseph Wolf,[j] and John B. Shulenberger.[j]

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers:—Lewis Robb, John W. Pontius, R. Leighton Gerhart, John F. Moyer, S. Charles Stover, Daniel G. Hetrick, and Thomas N. Reber.

Elders:—Samuel B. Isenberg, J. Scott Corle, John H. Stephens, George L. Freet, Benjamin S. Fouse, David R. Earlenbaugh, and Jonathan Dibert.

IX.—From the Classis of Portland-Oregon.

No delegates present.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening session of the Synod.

The letters in their order refer to the session at which delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

Rev. James R. Lewis occupied the seat of Rev. C. Clever, during the first three sessions of the Synod. Rev. William M. Deatrick was admitted to the seat vacated by Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh at the sixth session and occupied it to the close of the sessions. Rev. Edward D. Miller occupied the seat of Rev. G. B. Resser, during the first two sessions.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Mercersburg Classis:—Revs. William M. Deatrick, D.D., Jacob Hassler, D.D., Jonas B. Shontz, and Calvin U. Heilman.

Maryland Classis:—Revs. E. Ranson Deatrick, James R. Lewis, Anthony Shulenberger, Charles W. Levan, Alvill Conner, Jr., Isaac M. Motter, William C. Sykes, K. O. Spessard, and Elder J. Henry Lampe.

Zion's Classis:—Revs. Isaac N. Peightel, Morgan A. Peters, Reuben Rahauser, Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D.,'William H. Loose, and Elders J. Deissinger, M.D., and Peter C. Wiest.

Gettysburg Classis:—Revs. John C. Bowman, D.D., Walter E. Krebs, Edward D. Miller, William D. Lefevre, Francis S. Lindaman, Peter E. Heimer, and Elder Edgar Slagle.

Carlisle Classis:—Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D.D.

Juniata Classis:—Revs. Edward W. Stonebraker, and Titus C. Strock.

Eastern Synod:—Revs. Theodore Appel, D.D., Charles G. Fisher, D.D., Thomas M. Yundt, John H. Pannebecker, John J. Stauffer, Jonathan W. Miller, Charles H. Slinghoff, Charles E. Wehler, W. S. Stubblebine, Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D., J. W. Meminger, Jerome B. Henry, Rufus W. Miller, John S. Stahr, D.D., James I. Good, D.D., H. H. W. Hibschman, D.D., Tilghman O. Stem, and Adam C. Whitmer.

Pittsburgh Synod:—Revs. Simon S. Miller, Peter C. Prugh, D.D., John H. Prugh, D.D., John McConnell, Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., and David N. Dittmar.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence was announced from time to time of Revs. J. W. Leisure, A. W. Lilly, D.D., Wm. S. Freas, D.D., M. J. Alleman, D.D., Adam Stump, G. W. Enders, D.D., A. G. Fastnacht, and W. W. Anstadt of the Lutheran Church, Revs. H. E. Niles, D.D., and G. L. Smith of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. R. Dunkerly of the Methodist Church, and Rev. C. A. Burtner of the United Brethren Church.

ARTICLE III.

Election of Officers.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. R. L. Gerhart, *President*, Bedford, Pa.
Rev. W. I. Stewart, *Vice-President*, Baltimore, Md.
Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.
Rev. C. B. Heller, *Corresponding Secretary*, Mt. Crawford, Va.
Rev. J. F. Moyer, *Reading Clerk*, Altoona, Pa.
Elder Edgar Slagle, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

Rules of Order.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* to consist of the larger room of the chapel, in which the Synod held its sessions.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning session to open at 9 and close at 11.30 o'clock; the afternoon session to begin at 2 and end at 4.30 o'clock; and the evening services to commence at 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

Standing Committees.

The President appointed the following standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. J. O. Miller, I. N. Peightel, A. Spangler, and Elders L. W. Feistel and W. S. Kefauver.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, W. I. Stewart, J. R. Lewis, and Elders L. F. Benchoff and H. J. Seibert.

Overtures.—Revs. C. S. Slagle, H. F. Dittmar, T. R. Dietz, and Elders I. F. Brinkerhoff, and D. C. Hammett.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. J. W. Pontius, J. C. Leonard, H. Ditzler, and Elders S. B. Isenberg, and J. H. Bowman.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. G. B. Russell, J. G. Noss, P. Barringer, and Elders H. W. Shriver, and G. N. Forney.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, W. Goodrich, T. N. Reber, and Elders W. A. Pence, and C. A. Shultz.

Education.—Revs. A. S. Weber, L. E. Coblentz, C. B. Heller, and Elders S. B. Isenberg, and B. S. Fouse.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. W. H. Groh, I. M. Beaver, J. F. Mackley, and Elders J. S. Corle, and G. W. Lachman.

Missions.—Revs. L. Robb, J. F. Moyer, J. C. Leonard, and Elders G. L. Freet, and C. A. Shultz.

Sunday-schools.—Revs. W. C. Cremer, T. N. Reber, H. Ditzler, and Elders G. S. Griffith, and J. S. Corle.

Publication.—Revs. G. W. Snyder, C. B. Heller, S. M. Roeder, and Elders E. A. Shriner, and H. J. Seibert.

Finance.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, T. F. Hoffmeier, W. C. Cremer, and Elders G. S. Griffith, and D. M. Schnebly.

Investing and Auditing Endowment Fund.—Rev. T. J. Barkley, and Elders G. N. Forney, and H. W. Shriver.

Nominations.—Revs. S. C. Stover, W. C. Cremer, J. W. Pontius, and Elders G. L. Freet, and E. A. Shulenberger.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. J. W. Santee, G. W. Aughinbaugh, D. G. Hetrick, and Elders T. W. Chapman, and J. Wolf.

ARTICLE VI.

Communications.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata and Portland-Oregon were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, the General Board of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

Religious Services.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments for services:

REFORMED CHURCHES.

FIRST CHURCH.

Wednesday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. C. Clever. Liturgical services by Revs. W. C. Cremer and G. B. Russell.

Thursday Evening.—Educational Meeting. Liturgical services by Revs. W. Goodrich and J. W. Pontius.

1. Duty of the Church to her educational institutions, by Rev. J. C. Bowman.
2. How the cause of education may be best promoted, by Prof. J. H. Apple.
3. The reason why education and religion should always go hand in hand, by Rev. J. S. Kieffer.

These addresses limited to twenty minutes each.

Friday Evening.—Sunday-school Anniversary. Liturgical services by Revs L. Robb and J. G. Noss. 1. Sunday-school missions, by Rev. R. W. Miller. 2. Relation of the Sunday-school to the Church, accidental or organic, by Rev. R. L. Gerhart. 3. Importance of a larger attendance on the Sunday-school, by Rev. W. I. Stewart.

Each speaker limited to twenty minutes.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services. Liturgical Services by Revs. J. M. Runkle, H. Ditzler and T. J. Barkley. Sermon by Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier.

Saturday Evening.—Liturgical Services by Revs. C. S. Slagle and S. E Stofflet. Home and Foreign Missionary Meeting. 1. Home Missionary Work, by Rev. T. J. Barkley. 2. Foreign Work, by Revs. S. N. Callender and J. W. Santee. 3. Home Work, by Rev. C. Clever.

Sunday Forenoon.—Holy Communion. Liturgical Services by Revs. J. S. Kieffer, J. A. Hoffheins, J. G. Noss and J. W. Santee. Address by Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school addresses by Revs. L. E. Coblentz, W. I. Stewart and P. C. Prugh.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. J. F. Moyer.

GRACE REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday Morning..—Sermon by Rev. J. D. Miller.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school services. Addresses by Revs. L. Robb and S. C. Stover.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. W. I. Stewart.

HEIDELBERG REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Communion Services. Sermon by Rev. I. M. Beaver assisted by Rev. D. G. Hetrick.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. J. D. Miller.

ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. J. Hassler.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. P. C. Prugh.

Paradise and Dallastown.—Sermon by Rev. S. M. Roeder.

Conadochly.—Sermon by Rev. T. N. Reber.

OTHER CHURCHES.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church.—Rev. E. R. Eschbach in the morning, and Rev. G. B. Resser in the evening.

Christ's Lutheran Church.—Rev. C. Clever in the morning, and Rev. N. H. Skyles in the evening.

Zion's Lutheran Church.—Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier in the morning, and Rev. L. Robb in the evening.

East York Lutheran Church.—Rev. M. M. Noacher in the morning, and Rev. J. W. Bell in the evening.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church.—Rev. J. F. Mackley in the morning, and Rev. J. W. Pontius in the evening.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.—Rev. G. W. Snyder in the morning, and Rev. J. G. Noss in the evening.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church.—Rev. H. F. Dittmar, Sunday evening.

Union Lutheran Church.—Rev. D. G. Hetrick, Saturday evening.

First Presbyterian Church.—Rev. R. L. Gerhart, Sunday evening.

Westminster Presbyterian Church.—Rev. C. S. Slagle, Sunday morning, and Rev. H. Ditzler, Sunday evening.

Calvary Presbyterian Church.—Rev. S. E. Stofflet, Sunday morning, and Rev. J. M. Runkle, Sunday evening.

First Methodist Church.—Rev. G. B. Russell.

Ridge Avenue Methodist Church.—Rev. S. C. Stover, Sunday morning, and Rev. S. S. Miller, Sunday evening.

West Street Methodist Church.—Rev. G. P. Stem, Sunday morning, and Rev. E. W. Stonebraker, Sunday evening.

Moravian Church.—Rev. L. E Coblentz, Sunday morning, and Rev. P. Barringer, Sunday evening.

Church of God.—Rev. H. F. Dittmar, Sunday morning.

Evangelical Association Church.—Rev. W. Goodrich, Sunday evening.

Union Chapel.—Rev. S. C. Stover, Sunday evening.

Allison Memorial United Brethren Church.—Rev. P. Barringer, Sunday morning, and Rev. T. K. Cromer, Sunday evening.

Reformed Church at Red Lion.—Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Sunday morning and evening.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

Minutes of Synod.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of busi-

ness as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon, this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee, to whom the Printed Minutes were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming in our judgment, the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, *page* 6. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, to report at the present meeting, of which Rev. A. F. Dreisbach is chairman.

Item 2, *page* 6. A Standing Committee on Invested Funds is appointed, whose duty it is to report at this meeting, of which Rev. W. E. Krebs is chairman.

Item 3, *page* 6. A Standing Committee on Auditing Endowment is appointed, to report at the present meeting of Synod, of which Rev. T. J. Barkley is chairman.

Item 4, *page* 31. Rev. J. L. Murphy is appointed the agent to carry forward the work of securing the twenty-five thousand dollar fund to support a theological professor in connection with Catawba College, N. C.

Item 5, *page* 31. The officers of Synod are instructed to furnish Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, the professor elect, with a formal call to the Theological Professorship in Catawba College, to which he was chosen, with further instructions in case of his acceptance of said call.

Item 6, *page* 32. The committee appointed to provide financial means for Mercersburg College, for endowment, for payment of debt, and for making repairs, is continued.

Item 7, *page* 32. It is necessary for the Synod to elect a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., in place of the one whose term of service will expire in the near future.

Item 8, *page* 32. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect four members of the Board of Visitors, and six members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., and fix their terms of service, agreeably with the provisions of the amended charter of said institution.

Item 9, *page* 32. It will be the duty of the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education in place of those whose terms of service will terminate with the present meeting of the Synod.

Item 10, *page* 32. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, to fill the places of those whose terms of office will expire during the present month.

Item 11, *page* 42. A special committee is appointed to assist in organizing the Synodical Missionary Society, as authorized by the Synod, of which Rev. T. J. Barkley is chairman.

Item 12, *page* 43. It becomes the duty of the Synod to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions, to fill the places of those whose terms of service are about expiring.

Item 13, *page* 45. It will be necessary to assess $450, the second half of the sum assessed upon Synod by the General Synod, for its contingent expenses or fund.

Item 14, *page* 45. Apportionments are made upon the Classes for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian Missions, Church Building, Beneficiary Education, and North Carolina Theological Professorship.

Item 15, *page* 45. Assessments are made upon the Classes for the Theological Seminary, Contingent Fund of General Synod, and Contingent Fund of the Synod.

Item 16, *page* 46. Various arrearages are enumerated for Contingent Fund of the Synod, Contingent Fund of the General Synod, Mercersburg College, Harbor Missions, Beneficiary Education, Church Extension in Baltimore, and Theological Seminary.

Item 17, *page* 47. It will be necessary to elect a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod in the place of Rev. J. T. Rossiter, whose term of service will terminate on the 1st of next January, agreeably to the charter.

Item 18, *page* 49. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-school Board, to fill the vacancy that will occur therein, during the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 19, *page* 51. The Synod recommends to the Classes that an energetic effort be made in every pastoral charge to increase the circulation of the periodicals of our Church.

Item 20, *page* 51. The Stated Clerk is directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting published.

Item 21, *page* 51. It is the duty of the Synod to fill by election the place in the Board of Publication of the member whose term of office is about to expire.

Item 22, *page* 54. The special attention of the several Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least annually in each congregation, on some Sunday before October.

Item 23, *page* 56. The several Classes are requested to appoint one or more persons a standing committee, whose duty it shall be to secure funds, bequests and legacies for beneficiary education and other benevolent interests of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; the committee under item 2 failed to report; on items 3, 4, 5, and 6, see Article XIII., Education; items 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 17, 18, and 21 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations, to make the required nominations; on item 11, see Article XIV., Missions; on items 13, 14, 15, and 16, see Article XV., Finance; on items 19 and 20, see Article XX., Publication; on item 22, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; and on item 23, see Article X., Minutes of Classes.

ARTICLE IX.

Overtures.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and acted on item by item, amended, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit:

Item 1. A communication from Rev. J. G. Schmid, Stated Clerk of the Portland-Oregon Classis, giving reasons for the non-attendance of the delegates of said Classis upon the sessions of Synod.

Item 2. A communication from Rev. Dr. H. J. Ruetenik in regard to Calvin College.

Item 3. An overture from the Erie Classis in relation to Calvin College.

Item 4. The annual statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 5. A report from Rev. Dr. J. S. Stahr, President of Franklin and Marshall College, setting forth the condition and prospects of said institution.

Item 6. A report of Rev. Dr. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, giving the condition and wants thereof.

Item 7. A report from Rev. Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, President of the Board of Directors of the same institution, bearing on the same subject.

Item 8. A communication from Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, in regard to the Theological Professorship in Catawba College, to which he was elected by the Synod a year ago, declining the same.

Item 9. A report from Rev. J. L. Murphy, the agent appointed to secure the endowment of the Theological Professorship in Catawba College, denoting failure in securing funds.

Item 10. A telegram from the Eastern Synod, giving the place and time of its next annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. SLAGLE, *Chairman.*

The action of Synod on the report is as follows: Item 1, the delegates were, on motion, excused for their non-attendance; on items 2, 3, 5, 8, and 9, see Article XIII., Education; on items 4, 6, and 7, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; item 10 was adopted.

ARTICLE X.

Minutes of Classes.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended, and adopted as a whole. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands. From these the following items have been obtained:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. The Stated Clerk of Zion's Classis failed to record in the minutes of a special meeting the call for the meeting, and the names of members in attendance.

2. The Stated Clerk of Virginia Classis failed to employ marginal notes as required by the rule of Synod adopted in 1889, at Carlisle, Pa.

3. The Stated Clerk of the same Classis also failed to note in the minutes of a special meeting, the call for the meeting and the names of the members present.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. The Virginia Classis renews its request to be relieved of one-half of the amount apportioned upon it for Home Missions.

5. North Carolina Classis requests the appointment by the Synod of Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp as professor of the theological department in Catawba College.

6. The same Classis also requests to be exonerated from the apportionment of $33.00 for Mercersburg College, made in 1891, and since carried forward from year to year as an arrearage in the Minutes of Synod.

7. The Portland-Oregon Classis deplores the neglect of its Stated Clerk to furnish to the Synod a copy of its minutes of last year.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

8. Zion's Classis took favorable action on all matters referred to it by the Synod.

9. Maryland Classis acted favorably on all matters referred to it.

10. Mercersburg Classis took favorable action on all the recommendations of the Synod, except it failed to apportion the amount for Church Building.

11. Virginia Classis acted favorably upon all references, except apportioning only $300 of $604 apportioned upon it for Home Missions by the Synod.

12. This Classis also declines to appoint a standing committee to secure funds, bequests, legacies, etc., and instead requires its pastors to do this work in a quiet way.

13. North Carolina Classis declined to apportion the amounts referred to it by the Synod for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Church Building and Beneficiary Education.

14. Gettysburg Classis acted favorably upon all the recommendations of the Synod, except it did not deem it expedient to appoint a standing committee to secure funds, bequests, legacies, etc.

15. Carlisle Classis took favorable action on all items referred to it.

16. Juniata Classis acted favorably on all the recommendations of Synod.

17. Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata Classes severally approved of the new Constitution transmitted to the Classes for approval or rejection. The Portland-Oregon Classis rejected it.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED AND DISMISSED.

18. Zion's Classis received Rev. Morgan A. Peters from the East Pennsylvania Classis, and the licentiate William H. Loose from the Lebanon Classis and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry; and dismissed the licentiate Paul M. Spangler to the East Pennsylvania Classis, and the Rev. Henry A. Bomberger to the Philadelphia Classis.

19. Maryland Classis licensed K. Otis Spessard, D. Snyder Stephan, Christopher Noss and Joseph H. Apple, Jr., and ordained the first named to the work of the Christian Ministry; dismissed the Rev. Marion L. Firor to the West Susquehanna Classis, and the licentiate, D. Snyder Stephan, to the Westmoreland Classis; and erased the name of Rev. Frank Lambader from the roll of Classis.

20. Mercersburg Classis licensed Louis C. Summer and William M. Irvine, Ph.D.; received the Revs. Calvin U. Heilman and William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., from the Juniata Classis, the Rev. David P. Lefever from the North Carolina Classis, and the licentiate, George S. Gill, from the Virginia Classis, and ordained him to the work of the Holy Ministry; and dismissed the licentiate, Louis C. Summer, to the Iowa Classis.

21. Virginia Classis licensed George S. Gill and Jacob S. Garrison, and dismissed the former to the Mercersburg Classis.

22. North Carolina Classis licensed William H. McNairy and Harvey A. M. Holshouser and ordained them to the work of the Gospel Ministry; received the Rev. B. Frank Davis from the Miami Classis, and the Rev. Julius H. Shuford from the Virginia Classis; and dismissed the Rev. David P. Lefever to the Mercersburg Classis.

23. Gettysburg Classis dismissed the Rev. Oliver F. Schaeffer to the East Susquehanna Classis, and the Rev. Benjamin F. Bausman to the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod.

24. Juniata Classis licensed Louis C. Harnish and ordained him to the work of the Holy Ministry; and dismissed the Revs. Calvin U. Heilman and William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., to the Mercersburg Classis, and the Rev. Francis M. Line to the St. Paul's Classis.

VI. PLACES AND TIMES OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

25. Zion's Classis will meet in the Barrens or Salem Church of the Dillsburg Charge, York County, Pa, May 14th, A. D., 1895, at 3 o'clock, P. M. Rev. A. F. Dreisbach, *President;* Rev. A. Spangler, *Stated Clerk;* and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer.*

26. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Adamstown, Frederick County, Md., May 15th, A. D., 1895, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. B. R. Carnahan, *President;* Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk;* and Rev. C. S. Slagle, *Treasurer.*

27. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of McConnellsburg, Fulton County, Pa., June 6th, A. D., 1895, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. T. R. Dietz, *President;* and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

28. Virginia Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Edenburg, Shenandoah County, Va., June 5th, A. D., 1895, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. C. B. Heller, *President;* and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

29. North Carolina Classis will meet in Calvary Reformed Church of Davidson County, N. C., May 1st, A. D., 1895, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Rev. P. M. Trexler, *President;* Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk;* and Elder H. A. Forney, *Treasurer.*

30. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Fairfield, Adams County, Pa., May 16th, A. D., 1895, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. W. E. Krebs, *President;* and Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

31. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Landisburg, Perry County, Pa, May 16th, A. D., 1895, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. G. A. House, *President;* and Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

32. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Pa., May 30th, A. D., 1895, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. S. C. Stover, *President;* Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk;* and Rev. F. A. Rupley, Sr., *Treasurer.*

33. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in the Congregational Church of Washougal, Washington, June 6th, A. D, 1895, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. G. Graedel, *President;* Rev. J. G. Schmid, *Stated Clerk;* and Elder F. Kœllermeier, *Treasurer.*

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. PONTIUS, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 2 and 3 were severally adopted, and the attention of those Classes was called to their irregularities. The request contained in item 4 was refused. For the action of Synod on item 5, see Article XIII. Education. The request contained in item 6 was granted. The remaining items of the report were all severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordinati n reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully present the following report:

The several classical reports on the state of religion and morals, placed in the hands of the Committee, are substantially of one spirit and to the same effect. One is impressed with the fact that they record nothing unusual or extraordinary. They speak of regularity; they produce the impression of continuity; they bear witness to growth, steady, even and unmarked by any departure from the ordinary course. It is reported that the Gospel has been regularly preached; that the sacraments have been regularly administered; that the Church's ancient custom of catechization has not been departed from; that the practice of pastoral visitation has been maintained as heretofore; that Sunday-school work has continued with increased interest and activity; that missionary societies and other organizations have done their appointed work; that the people have, for the most part, been diligent and faithful in the use of the usual means of grace; and that there is evidence, in consequence of the continued use of these appointed instrumentalities, of a sound and healthy condition of religion and morals within the bounds of the several Classes.

In seeking to form an estimate, upon the basis of these reports, of the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod, this absence of any unusual or striking features, this regularity, continuity, sameness, is probably to be regarded as a favorable, and not an unfavorable, sign. Let us be thankful for uninterrupted continuance, for the maintenance in their integrity of the ordinary means and methods of developing religious life and advancing the cause of our Redeemer's Kingdom. It is upon the usual and ordinary, far more than upon the unusual and extraordinary, that spiritual life and growth depend. Let us be content with and thankful for the results, in no way uncommon, of the diligent and faithful labors, during the past year, of the pastors and consistories of our congregations. If there has been no splendid achievement, no amazing degree of prosperity, there has at least been steady growth and progress. There is a Spanish proverb which rebukes the man who asks for something better than bread. We have had bread as the fruit of our toil; let us accept it, with thanks to Almighty God, nor complain that it is not something different from and better than bread.

The reports bear witness to the faithful labors of our pastors. They have been abundant in labors; constantly at their places in the Lord's vineyard, bearing the burden and heat of the day; in many cases, not without special privation and self-denial for the Master's sake. They bear witness also, to the good disposition of our people; their kindly relation to their pastors; their readiness to submit to those in authority over them; their attachment and loyalty to their Church; their willingness to engage in whatever Christian work they may find themselves duly and properly called to take part in. The type of piety prevailing among our people is somewhat slow and undemonstrative; but it is solid and strong, genuine and trustworthy; it has "the root of the matter" in it; it is capable of indefinite development and improvement; it may justly be regarded as furnishing the strong foundation upon which much that is excellent and beautiful in the way of Christian character

may be built. It is not without its defects and dangers, against which we need to be on our guard. It has the defects of its qualities, excellent and meritorious as these qualities are.

Perhaps one of its dangers may grow out of the very evenness and sameness of which we have spoken as something worthy of being praised and of being thankful for. We may be in danger of forgetting that, while the religious life depends chiefly upon the usual and ordinary, there is room also, in every process of development for the unusual and the extraordinary. Out of the usual grows the unusual, being, not alien to it, but the natural and legitimate product of it. Out of the plain springs the mountain, being substantially and fundamentally one with it, yet an elevation of it and a departure from the level of it. It was "after six days" of ordinary discipleship and common work and service, that our Saviour took his three disciples with Him up into the mountain, there to behold the glory of the Lord. Perhaps one of the best signs of a healthy condition of religion, is the occasional appearance of special and unusual manifestations or expressions of the religious life. Possibly one of the best things that could befall us, in present circumstances, would be, some salutary breaking of the level, some wholesome departure from the even tenor of our religious life; some unusual warmth of devotion; some special kindling of the fire of love; some more than ordinary outburst of the spirit of sacrifice and service. It belongs to the idea of piety and devotion that there lies in these always, whether latent or expressed, warmth of feeling, and the possibility of access, of enlargement, of extraordinary as well as ordinary manipulations of affectionate attachment to Jesus Christ. It is well that the religious life should come forward in regular and even course; it is well also that there should at times be stirrings of its current. It is perhaps not best that we should go so steadily on our course, as never to be lifted up, never to see the burning bush, or to behold the heavenly vision, or be transported to the mountain top. A little enthusiasm would not hurt us. There is an enthusiasm which is empty, and false and injurious, because it is artificial and unreal, because it stands by itself and is sought for its own sake. But there is an enthusiasm which is natural, real and genuine, which is noble and beneficent, because it is the natural and legitimate offspring and accompaniment of the common, usual, faithful following and serving of Christ. Fanaticism is a thing to be avoided and abhorred. But the genuine expression of genuine feeling is wholesome. We do not consider that we are at present in any serious danger of fanaticism. But we believe that, out of the solid and substantial religious life of our people, there might well grow a sound, beautiful and beneficent enthusiasm that would enrich, instead of impoverishing, the life that gave it birth. We need it for spiritual uplift and inspiration; for the quickening, comforting and encouraging of our hearts; for making our church work less of a drudgery and more of a delight; for increase of conquering power against the adverse forces with which we have to contend.

It is much to be thankful for that peace prevails within our borders. There is no strife among us; God has granted us the blessing of peace; profound tranquillity reigns throughout this, as throughout the other portions of our beloved Church. All the conditions seem to be favorable to true growth in grace among our people, and for improvement and advancement in all things pertaining to the Christian life.

As compared with the preceding year, the last year has been one of unusual mortality among the ministers of the Synod. No less than eight ministers of our number have within the past year been called away from their earthly labors. The following are those of our brethren who have entered into the heavenly rest: Revs. Julius Lange, Dr. I. S. Weisz, J. C. Hensell, J. S. Loose, Dr. A. H. Kremer, Dr. A. Wanner, A. R. Thompson, Dr. G. W. Welker. Nearly all these ministers were distinguished by many years of

faithful service; all of them were earnest and self-denying laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. This Synod has done honor elsewhere to their memory; but we desire to record their names here also, in order to express our grateful appreciation of their labors and services, and our sense of the loss we have sustained through the death of these, our fellow-laborers. Their departure reminds us solemnly of the rapidity with which our life is passing away, and of the necessity of our doing promptly and with all our might the thing which the Lord has appointed for us to do.

Twenty-eight years ago, not long before the Synod of the Potomac was formed out of that body, the Synod of the United States met in the church in which this Synod is now assembled. It is evidence of the solidity and continuity of the pastoral relationship in many of our churches, that the pastor of the congregation at that time, and by whom it had been served for a considerable number of years before, the Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, is the pastor of it still, with undiminished strength and unabated activity and zeal. There was much earnest agitation and controversy in that Synod. These, too, have their place in the history and development of the Church; and the peace and prosperity which we have for so many years enjoyed are probably in large measure the proper fruit of the deeply earnest controversies of that day. We cannot be unmoved by the fact that, of the members of that Synod, more than half have passed away from earth. Drs. Nevin, Schaff, Wolff, Harbaugh, Bomberger, Zacharias, who were active in that Synod, together with many others whose names are reverently and affectionately remembered, are with us no more. They have gone to join a more august and venerable Synod; they have gone to the general assembly and church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven. The remembrance of them, in this place, imparts a special solemnity to this closing hour. May God keep us all in everlasting union and fellowship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, and with all those who have gone before us to the reward of their labors; and, with them, may He cause us also, when our labors here on earth are ended, to be numbered with His saints in glory everlasting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Spangler Kieffer, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

Education.

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education begs leave to submit the following annual report for the Synodic year just ended.

The organization of the Board remains the same as at our last annual report to the Synod, namely, Rev. William C. Cremer, *President;* Rev. J. David Miller, *Secretary;* and Rev. William M. Deatrick, *Treasurer.*

The work of the Board has gone forward, during the year, with a reasonable degree of success, notwithstanding the financial distress that has prevailed throughout the land, and your Board is happy in being able to report the past year as a prosperous one, under the favor and blessing of our kind Heavenly Father. The amount of funds contributed for beneficiary education by the several Classes, during our past fiscal year, has been somewhat less than the previous year, as will be seen by reference to the Treasurer's Report.

Six of our beneficiaries, namely, Jacob S. Garrison, George S. Gill, Louis C. Harnish, Frank L. Kerr, Otto K. Spessard and Louis C. Summer, completed their theological course of training for the Holy Ministry, graduating from the Seminary at Lancaster, last May. They were duly licensed to preach the Gospel soon afterwards, and are now actively at work in the ministry serving the Lord, Messrs. Garrison, Gill, Harnish, and Spessard filling pastorates in the bounds of our own Synod, Mr. Kerr in the Eastern Synod, and Mr. Summer in the Synod of the Interior.

Two young men under the care of the Board as beneficiaries, at the request of the Classes to which they belong, were granted permission to intermit their studies for a year or two, in order to earn funds to liquidate debts owing by them. Two were dropped from our roll for reasons not necessary to mention in this connection. Eight young men have been enrolled as beneficiaries under our care, namely: Joseph E. Guy and John H. Smith, at the request of the Maryland Classis; Theodore C. Hesson and William A. Kepner, at that of the Gettysburg Classis; John S. Heffner, at that of the Juniata Classis; James M. Mullan, at that of the Mercersburg Classis; John K. McKee, at that of the Carlisle Classis; and Ernest E. Weaver, at that of the Virginia Classis, the last named to receive only one-third of the full appropriation granted to most of our beneficiaries. Thirty young men have been aided, during the year, with funds from the Treasury of the Board, supplied by the Maryland, Juniata, Gettysburg, Mercersburg, Carlisle, and Virginia Classes, as the Treasurer's Report will demonstrate. The beneficiaries at present enrolled hold their Classical connection as follows: Maryland Classis, six; Juniata Classis, five; Carlisle Classis, five; Gettysburg Classis, four; Mercersburg Classis, three; and Virginia Classis, two. They are Louis P. Krome, *Seminary Senior;* William E. Bushong, James M. S. Isenberg, Charles E. Wagner, Ernest E. Weaver, Ross F. Wicks, and David J. Wolf, *Seminary Middlers;* Charles A. Bushong, Frederick Cromer, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Henry H. Hartman, Theodore C. Hesson, James M. Mullan, Ezra D. Lantz and Carl W. Plank, *Seminary Juniors;* Moses A. Kieffer and Nevin L. Weidner, *College Juniors;* John W. Gilds and Scott R. Wagner, *College Sophomores;* and Joseph E. Guy, John S. Heffner, Wm. A. Kepner, John K. McKee, George W. Potter, and John H. Smith, less far advanced in their studies. It will be noticed that more than one-half of the number are Seminarians.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the receipt of the following sums for beneficiary education, during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting dates of payment into the treasury, summarizing them where there have been two or more contributions from the same charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday-schools, where such have been given, so as to give the sum total contributed by each pastoral charge respectively, except in the cases of the Virginia and Gettysburg Classes, where the sources of receipts were not specified.

June 21st, 1894, the Treasurer received a legacy of $195.00, the bequest of Miss Mary Metzer, a member of the First or Zion Reformed Church of Hagerstown, Md., after deducting the collateral inheritance tax of the State of Maryland; the bequest was $200.00 including said tax. Deducting this legacy, together with the interest from the Gruber and Stoudenour legacies, the sums refunded by former beneficiaries, and the balance in the treasury at the last report of the Board, amounting in the aggregate to $1207.86, we have $2791.73 as the actual contributions from the churches and Sunday-schools for the cause, during the last fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, *Treasurer of the Board of Education, in account with the Synod of the Potomac.*

Receipts.

Maryland Classis.—Frederick Church, $92.00; First Church of Hagerstown, $76.00; Middletown Church, $65.08; Utica Charge, $60,00; St. Paul's Church of Baltimore, $56.00; Thurmont (Mechanicstown) Charge, $50.00; Cavetown Charge, $50.00; Second Church of Hagerstown, $50.00; Jefferson Charge, $36.00; Manor Charge, $33.00; Manchester Charge, $31.00; Clear Spring Charge, $25.00; Glade Charge, $22.00; Mount Pleasant Charge, $20.00; Union Bridge Charge, $15.50; Grace Church of Washington, D. C., $15.00; Boonsboro Charge, $13.63; Christ's Church of Baltimore, $13.00; Emmitsburg Church, $10.00; Burkittsville Charge, $10.00; Fairview Church, $6.12; Mount Moriah Charge, $5.30; Sabillasville Charge, $5.00; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, refunded, $25.00; and legacy of Miss Mary Metzer of Hagerstown, $195.00. Making $979.63.

Juniata Classis.—First Church of Altoona, $85.00; Martinsburg Charge, $70.00; St. Clairsville Charge, $65.00; Greenfield Charge, $60.49; Huntingdon Church, $52.00; Dunning's Creek Charge, $40.00; Second Church of Altoona, $35.00; Friend's Cove Charge, $32.89; Schellsburg Charge, $30.00; McConnellstown Charge, $27.00; Sulphur Spring Charge, $25.00; Everett Charge, $18.00; Yellow Creek Charge, $15.00; Water Street Charge, $7.06; Bedford Church, $6.19; Orbisonia Charge, $4.00; Clear Ridge Charge, $2.00; David M. Wolfe, refunded, $158.74; Raymond A. Plank, refunded, $9.60; and interest on Nicholas Gruber legacy, $112.74. Making $855.71.

Mercersburg Classis.—First Church of Chambersburg, $110.00; Waynesboro Charge, $95.00; Mercersburg Charge, $58.85; St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro, $41.00; Shippensburg Church, $30.00; Grindstonehill Charge, $30.00; Second Church of Chambersburg, $30,00; Greencastle Charge, $29.96; St. Thomas Charge, $15.00; Mont Alto Church, $12.00; McConnellsburg Charge, $10.00; Loudon Charge, $2.66; Rev. H. S. Garner refunded, $25.00; and interest on Jacob Stoudenour legacy, $12.00. Making $501.47.

Carlisle Classis.—Zion's Charge, $78.00; Landisburg Charge, $64.00; Carlisle Church, $54.00; Mechanicsburg Church, $37.00; Carlisle Springs Charge, $35.00; Newburg Church, $20.00; Duncannon Charge, $20.00; and Ira L. Bryner refunded, $97.28. Making $405.28.

Gettysburg Classis.—Per treasurer of Classis, $370.00.

Virginia Classis.—Per treasurer of Classis, $315,00.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary of Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, at last report, October 6th, 1893	$ 572.50
Received from Maryland Classis	979.63
" " Juniata Classis	855.71
" " Mercersburg Classis	501.47
" " Carlisle Classis	405.28
" " Gettysburg Classis	370.00
" " Virginia Classis	315.00
Total receipts	$3,999.59

Summary of Payments.

Paid to beneficiary students of Juniata Classis	$ 860.00
" " " Maryland Classis	540.00
" " " Carlisle Classis	475.00
" " " Gettysburg Classis	420.00
" " " Mercersburg Classis	381.25
" " " Virginia Classis	350.00
Expressage on seal of the Board	35
Notary Public's charge in bequest of Mary Metzer	50
Postage and stationery	3.09
Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1894	969.40
Making	$3,999.59

We do hereby certify, that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and have found the same correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, together with the summaries of receipts and disbursements, is a faithful statement of the same.

We accordingly find the balance in the Treasury to be $969.40 on the 1st instant.

Z. A. YEARICK,
A. R. SCHNEBLY.

Mercersburg, Pa., October 1st, 1894.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the Synod, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:—

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present to your reverend body the following annual report:

At our annual meeting at Mercersburg, held June 5th and 6th, the Board oraganized for the year by the re-election of the old officers, namely: the undersigned as *President;* Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, as *Secretary;* and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., as *Treasurer.*

In accordance with the authority of the Synod, granted at the last annual meeting, the Board had the Charter of the College so amended by the Court of Franklin County, Pa., last May, as to increase the number of Regents from nine to fifteen. The changed charter makes the six additional regents or members of the Board elective by the Board itself, instead of by the Synod, which, of course, contravenes the action taken by the Synod at Frederick, Md., in 1879, requesting the Board of Regents "to secure such change in the Charter of the College as shall put the election of members of the Board necessarily in the hands of the Synod." Agreeably to the amended charter the Board has elected the six new additional members as follows: George A. Wood and George O. Albright, for three years; W. Rush Gillan and John H. Shook, for two years; H. Wirt Shriver and Seth Dickey for one year.

The educational work of the college has been carried forward, during the past year, under the management of President Irvine, and those associated with him in the Faculty of the College. The catalogue of the college, published last June, shows the aggregate attendance of students, during the scholastic year, to have been seventy-eight, nearly sixty of them being boarders, and about twenty non-boarders or day scholars. Of course they were not all connected with the institution during the entire year, nor at one and the same

time, quite a number matriculating after the college had opened, and a few dropping out before the end of the year.

The present college year opened up very auspiciously, with an increased number of students in attendance and an enlarged teaching force. The number of students enrolled is sixty-eight boarders, and thirty non-boarders, or day students, from the town and vicinity. The college has now five regular professors including the president, and three tutors or assistant teachers, who are at the same time students. So far as regards the number of students and teaching force, the college certainly is in a flourishing condition. We wish, as a Board, that we could report the same of its financial status. Nothing has been paid on the mortgage and judgment debt of the college since our last annual report, excepting the interest for the year, so that this indebtedness remains the same as it then was, namely, $3,445.00. The annual interest, however, has been reduced from six to five per cent. voluntarily by the holders of said claims. The Board, moreover, greatly regrets to have to report a large deficit in the current expenses of the college during the year, owing to making repairs, improvements, and especially the remodelling of the professor's house occupied by the president, buiding a new stable for his use etc. At a meeting of the Board, held August 30th, after a careful investigation and examination of the finances, it was learned that this deficit amounted to about forty-five hundred dollars.

A suitable fire-escape was attached to the Seminary or College Building within the present month. The Board felt compelled to provide this means of safety in case of fire, or render themselves liable to criminal prosecution according to the laws of Pennsylvania.

The Seminary or College Building ought, and must, by all means have a new roof in the near future. The original shingle-roof, now on the building has done good and faithful service for a period of fifty-eight years, and needs to be replaced by a new roof. It has been repaired and patched for a number of years, and is now in such condition that this can no longer be done successfully, so as to properly preserve the structure.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of Regents,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President.*

Mercersburg, Pa., October 13th, 1894.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF FREDERICK, MD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., would report that the Board is organized with Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., as President, Rev. C. S. Slagle, Secretary, and Prof. Joseph H. Apple, Treasurer and Financial Agent.

Since our last report we have met in the President's office in the College Building as follows: January 2, 1894; March 26, 1894; June 13, 1894; and September 5, 1894, for the transaction of business. The trust committed to us has received our careful and thoughtful attention, and everything has been done in accordance with our best judgment.

Our report last year was made soon after the College had been auspiciously organized. We have now the record of a year's work behind us, and herewith submit copies of the last catalogue for detailed information.

We have an able and efficient Faculty, the members of which were selected with special reference to their individual qualifications for the work of the departments assigned them. Because of this, the College was enabled to take and maintain a high rank in all its departments from the beginning. No effort has been spared on the part of your Board or the Faculty of the

College to realize the high ideal that inspired the heart and mind of each one of us.

The property we have leased has exceptionally large rooms, broad halls, high ceilings, excellent furnishing and equipment within, and graded lawns, flower beds and play grounds without.

The Literary work of the College is divided into three departments; the Primary, the Preparatory, and the Collegiate Department. The course of study offered aims at a liberal culture. Thoroughness in everything attempted, on the part of the student, is insisted upon.

Provision is made for systematic exercise in the Physical Culture Class, by recreation on the lawns and by brisk walks through the city and into the country.

The spiritual welfare of the students is carefully considered, and the influences by which they are surrounded are positively Christian. The general atmosphere is stimulating and elevating.

The Musical Department is under the direction of teachers of ability, skill and experience, and has been exceptionally flourishing.

The Art Department is in the charge of a talented Artist, who is also an experienced teacher, and has made her department a success.

The Government of the College is that of kindness, of confidence, of appeal to the higher sentiments of the student, and these have thus far met all the requirements of discipline.

It is proper to emphasize the fact, that we are not in competition with schools organized on the basis of making all the money possible out of them. We are not burdened with a troublesome debt for which a surplus revenue must be provided, nor do we propose to accumulate a fund out of our current expenses for those who shall come after us. We do not bid for students on account of our age, or assumptive statements, but on the character and merit of the work we are doing.

We aim to furnish the most that is possible for our patrons, at the lowest cost to them, after providing for a strong and efficient Faculty, and the maintenance of every department pertaining to the College in first-class condition. We have challenged the Church on this basis, and she is entrusting to us her daughters.

By reference to the catalogue, it will be seen that the entire enrollment last year was 112 students, 37 of whom were boarders and the rest were day students in some one or more departments.

The Treasurer's report, which was audited by the Board September 5th, 1894, was found to be correct and sustained by proper vouchers, and shows an income from all sources of $9426.56 and an expenditure of $9024.

Notwithstanding the financial depression of the times our collections were fully made. This statement will indicate better than words the character of our constituency.

The rent of $1000 for the past year has been paid. We have invested in pianos, table-linen, table-cutlery, etc., that will not need to be replaced for years, and belongs to us, $518.20.

The work of last year closed satisfactorily, June 13, 1894. As no Senior Class had been organized, there were no graduates.

During the summer vacation six additional new rooms were fitted up and furnished. A steam-heating plant was introduced into every part of the College buildings, that were not already provided with a hot-water heating plant, and other needful improvements and changes were made. These improvements have increased the capacity and convenience of the buildings, and added greatly to their internal appearance.

President Apple spent the greater part of his summer vacation in canvassing for the College, chiefly in the Potomac and Pittsburg Synods, and reports that

the College has made a place for itself in the hearts and affections of its patrons. This statement is verified by the fact that with very few exceptions the students of the last year have returned for this year's course.

The Board here puts on record its appreciation of the services of President Jos. H. Apple, to whose scholarly ability, good judgment and untiring energy very much of the success of the College is due.

College work was resumed for the second year September 4th, 1894, under flattering auspices.

One full Teacher, that of Physics, Chemistry and Biology, and three assistant Teachers have been added to the Faculty.

The course of study has been raised and extended. Classes in each year's work are now fully organized. The enrollment of students to date is 120. Of this number 38 are full boarders, 5 are five-day boarders, and 77 are day scholars in one or more departments.

The present Senior Class is composed of 13 members, who look forward to graduation at the end of this year.

We have the voluntary testimony of competent witnesses, residents of Frederick, other than members of the Reformed Church, who say that the first year of the Woman's College has achieved a more decided success than the Frederick Female Seminary had done at any time in its history of fifty years.

It is no small matter to have won the confidence of the community, which is afforded full opportunity to see and know what is being done. It is of value to have retained the hearty good will of the alumnæ of the former institution, who now co-operate with us in extending our work.

The wisdom of and necessity for this College to us as a Church is apparent from the fact, that out of forty-three boarders all but four come from Reformed families.

Not only our *right* to exist, but the *necessity* for our existence is hereby established. We may expect to receive a fair share of the patronage of our Church. We are, therefore, also entitled to a fair share of her generosity. Our daughters, no less than our sons, have claims on our benevolence. With the College Presidency endowed, an enlarged Faculty, a fuller equipment and a modern library, more and better work could be obtained. We owe this to the daughters of the Reformed Church. By increasing the culture and intelligence of the future mothers of the Church, we are increasing the mightiest and most sacred power for good possible to us. Its far-reaching effects will bring large returns of blessing and abundantly repay all money the Church can be induced to invest.

If this be true, and who will say that it is not, then ought we not seriously to consider this whole subject, and in our plans for church extension, provide for the enlargement and greater efficiency of this College, which is so peculiarly the institution of the Church?

The term of service of Gen. John E. Roller, as a member of this Board, will expire with December 31st, 1894. His successor ought to be chosen at this session of Synod. Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

E. R. Eschbach, *President.*

October 16th, 1894.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Dear Brethren:—The Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1893–94 is hereby respectfully presented to your honorable body by the Secretary.

At the opening of the Seminary Year, in September, 1893, the following young gentlemen were admitted to the *Junior Class*, nineteen in number:

Joseph P. Bachman, Benoni Bates, William H. Brong, John W. Buck, William E. Bushong, Moses N. George, Frederick C. Hullhurst, Edward O. Keen, Harry M. Klein, Edward H. Laubach, D. Elmer Master, Frank H. Moyer, Jacob G. Rupp, Charles D. Schaffer, Adam P. Stover, Jacob N. Wagenhurst, Ernest E. Weaver, David J. Wolf and Charles E. Wagner. Of this number thirteen are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College; one of Calvin College; one of Pennsylvania College; one of Lafayette; one an ordained minister of the Church of God, and two with less complete preparation.

The *Middle Class* consisted of eighteen students of the Junior Class of the preceding year, with the addition of Henry M. Ranck, dismissed from Union Seminary, N. Y., nineteen in all.

The *Senior Class*, twenty-four in number, having completed the course of study prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were honorably dismissed at the close of the year, and were awarded the usual *Testimonial*, to that effect, at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows: Charles F. Althouse, Harry N. Bassler, James Riley Bergey, D. Franklin Boomershine, Charles W. Brugh, George S. Butz, J. Silor Garrison, George Samuel Gill, Louis P. Goerrig, Louis C. Harnish, Ellis S. Hay, Anselm V. Hiester, John D. Hunsicker, George Kinzo Kaneko, Frank L. Kerr, Thomas H Leinbach, Edwin D. Meixell, Christopher Noss, John W. Reinecke, Charles M. Smith, Kenney Otis Spessard, D. Snider Stephan, Louis C. Summer and J. Grant Walter.

The industry and Christian conduct of the students, and their examination, written and oral, with a few exceptions, were satisfactory; as heretofore they were active in Sunday-school and missionary work in the City of Lancaster; and the Faculty, their instructors, have endeavored to discharge their duties according to the best of their abilities.

At the request of the Committee on the New Building, and of the Building Committee, Professor Bowman was relieved by the Faculty of the greater part of his duties in the Seminary during the year, in order that he might devote his time to soliciting funds, so that the new Seminary Building might be completed at an early day, and be consecrated with the least amount of indebtedness resting on it. In this good work he was eminently successful, and he deserves the thanks of the Church for his energetic and untiring labors. Professor Thomas G. Apple filled his place in the Seminary, and taught all the classes in Exegesis as far as time would permit.

The new building was consecrated at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last, and reflects credit on the Church for the generosity and liberality of its members, of which it is a monumental evidence.

The Rev. William Rupp, D.D., was installed as Professor of Practical Theology by the Synod of Pittsburg, in October, 1893, and entered upon his duties in the Seminary after the Christmas recess. It is a matter of sincere gratitude to God that our Theological School has now five professors in its service. Dr. Rupp has already proved himself to be a valuable accession to the Faculty. We are happy here in being able to announce that the Seniors of '94 have agreed to endow an Alcove in the Library of the Seminary, to be known as the "Class of '94 Alcove." The interest of $1,000 or more is to be devoted to the purchase of books, bearing on the "Origin, History and Genius of the Reformed Church." As the Library is sadly defective in the theological literature of the present day, we think that this example is highly worthy of commanding imitation.

In reference to a petition of the students praying that the Seminary should confer the degree of B. D. on all who may have pursued the prescribed course in the Seminary, the Board decided that the Faculty should formulate a post-

graduate course of two or three years' study, in residence or at their homes, which should entitle all those who diligently pursue it to the degree of *Bachelor of Divinity*, on condition that each applicant at the completion of such course of study shall prepare a *Thesis* on some theological topic, to be examined and approved by the Faculty. This course having been adopted, application in each case shall be made by this Board to the College Board to confer the degree. The adoption of this plan, it is believed, will exert a happy effect upon those who have passed through the Seminary course of study. We have just learned that a number of old students have expressed their intention to pursue the course as soon as it is prescribed.

The instruction in Elocution has been satisfactory, and the Board again recommends that the present arrangement be continued for another year. In that event the Synod of the Potomac is asked to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary the sum of $75.00, the same as last year, as its part, to meet the necessary expenses.

As a Board we have endeavored to discharge our duties in supervising the internal affairs of our venerable School of the Prophets, and it is now once more our privilege to report that the blessing of God has rested upon it, from the beginning to the present time, for which we are called upon to give thanks to God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, ever bearing in mind that all our blessings and mercies come down to us through Christ, our Lord and our God, who is the Head of His Church, which is His Body.

During the last year, one of our number, the Rev. Dr. Amos H. Kremer, passed away from earth to his reward in the skies. He became connected with our Board as far back as the year 1843, and from 1871 to 1894 he was its honored President, a position which he always filled in a highly acceptable manner. He was deeply interested in the prosperity of the Seminary during his long ministry, and the presence of this venerable father in Israel was a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to his younger brethren. He rests in peace. His death was announced at the opening of the last annual meeting of the Board at Lancaster, and the Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, of York, was appointed to fill his place as President.

Respectfully submitted,

Lancaster, Pa., October 16, 1894. THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Dear Brethren:—Enclosed find synopsis of the Annual Report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the Board of Trustees held two meetings. The first meeting was held May 10th, 1894, in the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, Pa.

The following officers were elected: President, Geo. N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess; Treasurer, John B. Roth.

The second meeting was held in the same place October 4th, 1894.

Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., laid before the Board a letter from Miss Mary Forney of Hanover, Pa., containing a check of one thousand dollars for the endowment of an alcove in the Library Building, the interest to be expended for the purchase of books for the department of Archæology.

The Board accepted the generous gift, and directed the letter and the reply to the same to be entered on the minutes.

The Board is greatly gratified in being permitted to report to the Synod that a new interest has been awakened in the Library of the Seminary through the

erection of the Library building and that two alcoves have been endowed during the first year—one on Reformed Church History by the Class of 1894, and another on Archæology by Miss Mary Forney, of Hanover, Pa., to the memory of her father, Jacob Forney.

As the endowment of the Library is one of the greatest needs of the Seminary, we commend the example of Miss Forney and the class of 1894, with the hope that in the course of after years all the alcoves may be similarly provided for.

In reference to the current expenses of the Theological Seminary the following action was taken by the Board of Trustees:

While the Board of Trustees join with the many friends of the Seminary in congratulating the Church upon the completion of the new Seminary Buildings, they find themselves confronted with a financial problem which demands *immediate attention on the part of the three Synods.*

The new buildings and the various improvements and enlarged equipment have created new and increased financial wants which cannot be provided for out of the present endowment fund. To provide the necessary fuel and light, and the salaries of the janitor and librarian, there will be required an additional annual expenditure of not less than one thousand dollars, and to meet the unusual demands of the present year twelve hundred dollars should be raised.

As the Riegel Fund of fifteen thousand dollars which was contributed for the meeting of current expenses will not mature till 1898, your Trustees submit the following recommendations for the consideration of the three Synods, viz:

1. In order to meet the current expenses of the Seminary the three Synods are requested to assume annually apportionments for an adequate amount until sufficient revenues be obtained from other sources, and your Board also respectfully suggests that the three Synods provide such an increase of the Endowment Fund that the interest accruing from the same will meet the deficiency annually arising.

2. To meet the current expenses of the present year the Synods are requested to apportion twelve hundred dollars in the following ratio, viz.:

Eastern Synod	$600.00
Pittsburgh Synod	200.00
Potomac Synod	400.00
	$1200.00

3. As these apportionments are not likely to be paid before the close of the present Seminary year, the Treasurer of the Seminary be authorized to effect the loan of all moneys that may be required during the interval.

Respectfully submitted,
JER. S. HESS,
Secretary.

Hellertown, October 9th, 1894.

SYNOPSIS OF THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Report of JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer of Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Seminary Endowment Fund.

Dr.

1893.	For amount of principal of Fund as reported September 22, 1893 . . .	$94,508 12
	For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, as one-third of the income from the Willhelm Estate . .	143 08
		$94,651 20

Cr.

" Oct. 1.	By Sundry Subscriptions sent to Treasurer, without instructions, credited to Endowment Fund's account, but intended for Seminary Building Fund	232 51
	1894, Oct. 4	$94,418 69

Current Expense Account of Theological Seminary to October 1, 1894.

Dr.

94, Oct. 1.	For sundry incomes and interests received to date		$5,746 38

Cr.

1893, Sept. 22.	By balance due Treasurer, as per report	$325 24	
1894, Oct. 1.	Salary account and sundry bills paid	6,548 20	
		$6,873 44	
	Amount Dr. down	5,746 38	
	Balance due treasury October 1, 1894		$1,127 06
	Library Fund. Principal		$1,819 96

Dr.

1893, Sept. 22.	For balance due Library	$100 06
1894, Oct. 1.	For interest received to date	65 99
		$166 05

Cr.

1894, Oct. 1.	By sundry bills paid to date	116 52
" Oct. 1.	Balance due Library	$49 53

The William A. Wilt Fund.

	Principal of Fund is	$833 33
	Interest on same to Oct. 1, 1894, accounted for in Theological Seminary current expense account.	

Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.

	Account in hands of Treasurer of Theological Seminary. Principal	$4,223 19

Dr.

	For interest on same to Oct. 1, 1894	$211 16

Cr.

1894, Apl. 14.	By interest, paid Wm. Rupp, D.D., to April 1, 1894	$105 58	
" Sept. 8.	" " " " " Oct. 1, 1894	105 58	
			$211 16

Prize Essay Fund in Church History.

1893, Oct. 1.	Principal is	$2,000 75

Dr.

" Oct. 1.	For balance due Fund	$74 00
" Oct. 1.	For interest to April 1, 1894	50 00
		$124 00

Cr.

1894, May 7.	By amount paid Christopher Noss, per award of committee. Prize	$100 00	
" May 14.	Amount per bill paid	2 00	
			102 00
	Amount balance due Fund to April 1, 1894		$22 00

Smaltz Fund.

	Principal	$5,000 00
1894, Oct. 1.	For interest on same to date	250 00

Cr.

1894, Apl. 24.	By amount paid C. G. Fisher, D.D., Treasurer	$125 00	
" Sept. 18.	" " " " " "	125 00	
			$250 00

Prize Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

1893, Sept. 22.	Principal of Fund	$90 00
1894, May 5.	Received of W. M. Irvine	70 00
	Oct. 1, 1894	$160 00

Dr.

1893, Oct. 1.	For balance due	$1 91	
1894, May 5.	Cash received of W. M. Irvine	11 50	
	Interest on Fund to May 8, 1894	2 25	
			$15 66

Cr.

1894, May 7.	By amount paid F. J. Emil Muehe, as per award of committee. Prize .		15 00
	Balance due Fund, May 8, 1894		66
	Seminary Building Fund.		
	For balance in hand of Treasurer Sept. 2, 1893		$103 68
	Cash received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer of E. Synod, to Oct. 1, 1894		52,348 19
			$52 451 87

Cr.

1894, Oct. 1.	By amount paid as per orders of Rev. J. C. Bowman, Chairman of Building Committee, to Oct. 1, 1894		52,201 28
" Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund		$250 59
	Jacob Forney Fund.		
	Principal is		$1,000 00
	Lancaster, Sept. 12, 1894. Received of Miss Mary Forney, of Hanover, York Co., Pa., per Rev. J. C. Bowman, one thousand dollars, for the endowment of an Alcove, to the memory of her father, Jacob Forney, in the Theological Seminary Library, Lancaster, Pa.		
	Theological Seminary Aid Fund.		
1893, Sept. 28.	For amount paid by Lancaster Classis		$7 00
" Sept. 30.	" " " " W. Susq. Classis		6 00
" Sept. 30.	" " " " Schuylkill Classis		13 00
" Oct. 11.	" " " " Potomac Synod		75 00
1894, Mch. 24.	" " " " Lebanon Classis		14 00
" Apl. 6.	" " " " Lehigh Classis		14 00
" Apl. 24.	" " " " Goshenhoppen Classis	$6 50	
" Apl. 28.	" " " " Goshenhoppen Classis	2 50	
			9 00
" May 16.	" " " " E. Susq. Classis		4 27
" May 20.	" " " " Tohickon Classis		10 00
" May 31.	" " " " E. Penna. Classis		12 00
" Aug. 14.	" " " " Lebanon Classis		14 00
" Sept. 27.	" " " " W. Susq. Classis		6 00
			$184 27
" Oct. 1.	Charged to Treasurer in Theological Seminary current expense account, Sept. 25, 1894.		

Respectfully submitted,

Lancaster, October 4, 1894. JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned, a committee appointed to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,

Lancaster, October 4, 1894. S. N. HENCH.

The Theological Seminary Class of 1894, for alcove in Library Building, have placed in hands of the Treasurer sundry obligations amounting to $981.00, maturing in 1895 to 1904.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the President and Members of the Potomac Synod:

Your Committee on Education had referred to them the following documents:

First: Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Second: Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Third: Report of President John S. Stahr, D. D., of Franklin and Marshall College.

Fourth: Report of the Synodical Board of Education.

Fifth: Report of the Directors of Woman's College of Frederick, Maryland.

Sixth: Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

First. From the first and second of these reports, both pertaining to the same institution, this Synod receives the gratifying information that our Seminary during the past year has made progress unprecedented in its history: an unusually large number of students has been preparing for the Gospel Ministry; a new professor has been placed in the chair of Practical Theology; new buildings constituting a "Monumental evidence" of the generosity and liberality of our Reformed people, have been erected and dedicated; endowments of alcoves in the new Library have been provided; and a post graduate course of instruction has been formulated for the benefit of resident and non-resident graduates of the school. The reports request $75.00 from our Synod for the support of the teacher of Elocution, and $400.00 for meeting the current expenses of the Seminary, for next year. In view of all this,

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac hereby expresses its gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for having enabled our people to do so much for the advancement of this "School of the Prophets" and the enlargement of its usefulness, and that we cheerfully pledge it our continued moral and financial support.

Resolved, That we hear with pleasure that a post-graduate course has been formulated and that we commend the same to the pursuit, especially of the younger members of our Synod who are graduates of the Seminary.

Resolved, That this Synod assume the amount of $475.00 for the objects indicated and order the same to be apportioned on the several Classes.

Second. From President Stahr's report Synod is pleased to know of the continued flourishing condition of Franklin and Marshall College. The institution has never before in its history graduated so large a class as that of the present year, nor welcomed so numerous an incoming class—the graduating class numbered 35, the Freshman class consists of 56 members. This increase in the number of students calls loudly for increased facilities and additional teachers, and to provide these, the report expresses hope, that our Synod will join hands with the other two Synods. Accordingly this body,

Resolved, That record be hereby made of our extreme pleasure to learn that Franklin and Marshall College is in so prosperous a condition, and that we renew our pledge to give hearty support to the interests of this institution.

Resolved, That we record our approval of the movement inaugurated by the Board of Trustees looking toward the increase of the endowment fund, and the more thorough equipment of the several departments of the College, and that we recommend this cause to the liberal support of the membership of this body.

Resolved, That whilst pleased with the brief report from the College President, we express the hope that hereafter Synod be furnished by the Board of Trustees with somewhat more detailed statements of the financial condition, etc., of the institution of which this Synod is now joint owner with the Eastern and Pittsburg Synods, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to convey official notice of this action to the Board of Trustees of the College.

Third. From the report of the Synodical Board of Education it is learned that the work entrusted to its supervision has been carefully and successfully carried forward during the year past.

About the same number of worthy young men have been aided, and about the same amounts of money received and expended. This Synod, therefore,

Resolved, That the carefulness exercised by this Board in the selection of young men for beneficiary support be heartily endorsed.

Resolved, That the cause of Beneficiary Education be once more commended to our Classes, and that all of them be urged fully to meet the amounts apportioned upon them, which amount this year is to be $4000.00, and hereby referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Fourth. From the report of the directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., it is gathered that the success of the first year's work exceeded even the sanguine expectation of its most ardent friends. One hundred and twelve students were in attendance, the annual rental for buildings was paid in full for the year, the course of study was raised and extended, and the wisdom of and necessity for this College demonstrated. The report suggests as a matter due to the daughters of the Reformed Church, the endowment of the Presidency, the enlargement of the Faculty and the fuller equipment of the Library.

The Synods' action is as follows:—

Resolved, That we heartily commend this new Institution of our Synod to the patronage of parents and guardians who have daughters to educate.

Resolved, That we commend the Institution also to the generous support of those whom the Lord has blessed with means which they might contribute for the endowment of the Presidency and the further equipment of the school.

Fifth. From the report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, and from verbal statements of members of this Board this Synod obtains information over which it may well rejoice. The phenomenal success with which the number of students has been increased and the standard of the school advanced cannot but be pleasing to the friends of higher education in our denomination. The entire Church is to be sincerely congratulated upon having a preparatory school whose definite aim it is to lay broad and deep the foundations for collegiate education.

The report also informs Synod that owing to certain improvements and repairs made to the property, and furnishings obtained for the college and other buildings, the old debt of $3445.00 has been increased by $5132.00, thus making the present indebtedness of the Institution $8577.00. Therefore,

Resolved, That we greatly rejoice over the large number of students whom Dr. Irvine's influence and recognized ability as a teacher have drawn to the ancient halls of learning at Mercersburg, and believing the school under his management to be eminently worthy of the confidence and support of our people, we most heartily commend it to those who are seeking the best advantages for sons desiring to fit themselves for college.

Resolved, That the Board of Regents be instructed to submit annually a properly audited summarized statement of the receipts and expenditures of Mercersburg College.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. Weber, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE UNDER ITEM 6 OF REPORT ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Special Committee under item 6 of Report on Minutes of Synod presented the following report, which was received and adopted, and the Committee continued, namely:

Your Committee to secure funds to pay the indebtedness of Mercersburg College, and for necessary repairs and improvements, begs leave to report, that on account of the stringency in financial affairs but little has been done, while the people gladly heard of the success and prosperity of the College.

From the few pastoral charges visited the sum of $336.73 was collected, and the sum of $345.75 was paid in improvements, and for interest and reduction of notes in bank.

Respectfully submitted,

C. U. Heilman, *Chairman.*

Items 4 and 5 of Report of Minutes on Synod, item 5 of Report on Minutes of Classes, and items 8 and 9 of Report on Overtures were referred for consideration to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, J. S. Kieffer and Elder W. A. Pence.

This Committee subsequently reported, which was received, considered item by item, amended, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

To your Committee were referred the letter of Rev. Dr. Schaeffer declining his appointment as Professor of Theology in connection with Catawba College and the action of the North Carolina Classis in the matter of the election of a Professor in the place of Dr. Schaeffer, declined. A letter from Rev. J. L. Murphy, agent, to collect an endowment fund of $25,000 for the North Carolina Professorship.

Besides these documents your Committee had before them also two representative delegates of the North Carolina Classis. From these your Committee learned that there was at present, and likely would be for some years to come, no real demand for a teacher of Theology in connection with Catawba College —that their charges, save one, were now supplied with regular pastors, that there were no students at hand requiring a teacher of Theology, and none in the institution having the ministry in view.

Your Committee carefully considered the whole matter, and having done so, suggest the following for adoption:

Resolved, That because of the changed condition of affairs in the Classis of North Carolina making the election of a Theological Professor at this time unnecessary, the election of such Professor be indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, That the agency for the securing of an Endowment Fund be discontinued.

Resolved, That the several Classes contributing this fund be requested to turn the same over to the Trustees of Catawba College for the use of the general Endowment Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

Items 2 and 3 of the Report on Overtures were referred to a special committee, constituted of Revs. G. B. Russell, T. F. Hoffmeier, and Elder D. C. Hammett.

At Monday morning's session this committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CALVIN COLLEGE MATTER.

The vast importance of the subject matter referred to this committee bespeaks for it most earnest consideration. It has a bearing upon the future welfare of the whole Church. No other educational interest now before us is broader or more promising. The German element is continually in a transitional state, and this involves for us much gain or loss, according as it is rightly appropriated or neglected. Careful and wise handling of this material will give us large growth and fruit of great value. In the present condition of affairs there is a special call for both prudent counsels and conciliatory treatment of what is involved in the proposition here before this Synod.

Calvin College stands in a peculiarly favorable relation to the German and English elements. Its chief mission is to mediate between them, and its great aim is to fill up a gap to unite them, and thus help to solve the practical problem of conserving, without loss, the Germans as they pass into American life, so that their piety, wealth and numbers be not lost to the Reformed Church. This, however, seeks not to weaken the German nor to rob it of its strength in

changing the mother tongue; but to save, for the present and future, the fast-multiplying Anglo-Germans in the inevitable course of circumstances forcing the change from German to English. With this element well cared for by our Reformed Church there is much to hope for in the years to come.

This aspect of the question need not be argued here. The main thing now before the Synod is the challenge for a decision in determing what to do with the formal overture from the Erie Classis, viz.: to give this Synod a share in the management, support and fruits of the educational institution called Calvin College, at Cleveland, Ohio.

On the simple condition that we "contribute. or pledge to contribute, at some future time," along with the other English Synods, "*twenty thousand dollars*," towards the support of Calvin College, the Erie Classis offers us "equal rights as property-holders and equal representation in control of Calvin College," with trustees in its Board of Management.

Not for any merely material consideration of such gain, however, but for the sake of sustaining the institution in its worthy and laudable work, and its prospective usefulness as an arm of the Church, it were eminently proper for this Synod to accept the trust here offered in good faith. The main ground for any hesitancy as to this conclusion, we may suppose, is found in our already strained efforts to support well all the other institutions already on our hands. But in the sure faith that God does not lay before us a duty which He cannot enable us to undertake, it may be our plain call now to join heartily in this great practical project for the good of our whole denomination, in which we also should have part.

Therefore, relying on the aid and guidance which the blessed Lord always affords His willing servants, in humble faith be it—

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac hereby accepts the offer of the Erie Classis, to the extent of one-fourth of the amount conditioned in their overture.

Resolved, That for the present, and until October, A. D. 1900, this Synod will raise $300 per annum (the interest of $5,000) in aid of Calvin College.

Resolved, That if it be deemed at any time favorable and advisable meanwhile, the authorities of Calvin College be permitted and encouraged to make such efforts as will secure the payment of the said sum of $5,000 from among the people of this Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod do now appoint two commissioners, who shall act with those similarly appointed by the other Synods sharing in this work, and with those of the Erie Classis in reorganizing Calvin College, so as to bring it into harmonious relations with the plan herein proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman*.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Revs. J. S. Kieffer and G. B. Russell were chosen the commissioners called for in the foregoing report.

The Standing Committee, under item 3 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE OF SEMINARY ENDOWMENT SECURITIES.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod to audit the Seminary Endowment Securities beg leave to report:

That the duty assigned the committee was attended to on the 8th of October, 1894, and that the following securities and cash were found in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, to wit:

First Mortgages on Real Estate, Railroad Bonds and Notes Amounting to	$35,650.00
Cash in Hands of Treasurer	64.68
Total	$35,714.68

Fellowship Fund, one Real Estate Mortgage	$1,000.00
One Certificate of Deposit in Hanover Saving Fund Society	238.10
Cash in the Hands of the Treasurer	30.00
Total	$1,268.10

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

At the session of Wednesday afternoon a special committee, consisting of Revs. C. S. Slagle, J. G. Noss, and Elder G. N. Forney, was appointed to consider the propriety of combining the Auditing Committee and that on Invested Funds into a single Standing Committee, and defining its duties as such.

This Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your committee appointed to investigate the subject of the relation of the two Standing Committees, known respectively as the Invested Funds and the Auditing Endowment Committee, beg leave to make the following report: From the Minutes of the Potomac Synod, at Hanover, 1890, page 27, we learn that the Synod resolved hereafter to appoint a Standing Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit the Theological Professorship Endowment Securities within ten days of the following meeting of the Synod at which said committee was appointed, and shall also be an Advisory Committee in making investments and report the result to Synod. The Minutes show also (page 46) that the Board of Trustees of Synod offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling for a Standing Committee to examine the investments by the treasurer of the Endowment Fund.

Two Standing Committees were then created to do the same work, the only difference being that the first committee referred to was appointed to advise in making investments as well as to annually examine the securities, and that the second committee was created simply to examine the securities shortly before the annual meeting of Synod. In view of these facts your committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That hereafter the Synod annually appoint one Standing Committee in place of the two committees heretofore appointed, which committee shall be known as the *Investing and Auditing Committee of the Endowment Fund*, whose duty it shall be to assist the treasurer of Synod in investing the Endowment Fund of Synod, to carefully examine the securities of the same at least ten days before the annual meeting of Synod and report the result to Synod.

Resolved, That this committee shall be composed of one minister and two elders.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN S. SLAGLE, *Chairman.*

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Monday afternoon, Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier and J. A. Hoffheins were elected members of the Board of

Education for the term of three years; E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Elder S. Hoeflich and Rev. C. U. Heilman were chosen members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education and the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College as chosen by the Synod at the present time, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier and J. A. Hoffheins, for three years; Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller and A. S. Weber, for two years; and Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee and W. Goodrich, for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS: E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Elder S. Hoeflich and Rev. C. U. Heilman, for three years; Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier and F. F. Bahner, for two years; and Rev. W. C. Cremer, Elder A. R. Schnebly and Rev. J. B. Shontz, one year.

At the same time the following persons were respectively chosen members of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., to wit:

BOARD OF VISITORS: Revs. J. S. Kieffer and C. Clever, for four years; and Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. O. Miller, for two years.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Elders George N. Forney and Edgar Slagle, for six years; Elders H. Wirt Shriver and Jacob H. Cost, for four years; and Elders Israel Laucks and S. Nevin Hench, for two years.

At the same election John E. Roller was chosen a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, for the term of five years, constituting said Board of Directors as follows: John E. Roller for five years, Rev. E. R. Eschbach for four years, Rev. C. S. Slagle for three years, Elder W. H. Lakin for two years, and A. C. McCardell for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

Missions.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, Annual Report of the General Board of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The Committee presented its report during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several reports are as follows, with the exception of that of the General Board, which has been published in pamphlet form, and therefore is omitted here, to wit:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Potomac Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: As the report of the General Board will cover the missions within your bounds, we need not report less in detail than we did in former years.

In November, 1893, the Board organized for another four-year term by the election of the former officers, namely, Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D., as President; Rev. E. N. Kremer, as Secretary; and Elder John J. Nissley, as Treasurer. These three, with Superintendent A. C. Whitmer, who was re-elected by the General Board, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D., Rev. John W. Pontius and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., form the Executive Council.

Although the Board has only advisory power, yet this fact involves great responsibility, and we have tried to be faithful to our trust. The quarterly reports of the missionaries, with whatever requests they contained, as well as all items of business that came before us from time to time, received due attention.

The roll of missions is not greatly changed. While one mission, Hamilton, Wash., has been dropped from the roll, and two have become self-supporting, namely, Concord, N. C., and Easton, Pa., on the other hand four have been enrolled, namely, Thomasville, N. C., Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Everett, Wash., and Harrisonburg, Va. These enrollments really add but little to our outlay, for all receive only small appropriations, while Everett, Wash., is supported by special pledges made by the congregation in Frederick, Md., and by the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Third Street Church, Easton, Pa.

The question of transferring our Pacific Coast missions to the German Board of the West, in progress a year ago, has not yet received final answer.

The list of Church-building Funds has lengthened from twenty-one on record a year ago to twenty nine. The following have been received during the year: The Florence Clark Shuman Fund, from Elder Jeremiah S. Shuman, of Catawissa, Pa., in memory of his deceased wife; the William and Susan Dice Fund, from the heirs of Elder William Dice, of Zion's Church, Chambersburg, Pa.; the John and Sarah E. Emig Fund from three daughters, members of Trinity Church, York, Pa.; the Woman's Missionary Society of East Pennsylvania Classis Fund, completed in May, 1894; the Rev. Dr. Charles F. and Maria Hoke McCauley Fund, in loving memory from their children; the Edwin B. and Charles S. McCauley Fund, in loving memory from their brothers and sisters, the children of Rev. Charles F. and Maria Hoke McCauley; the Emmanuel's Hanover Fund, No. 3, from the Missionary Society of Emmanuel's Church, Hanover, Pa.; and lastly, the Martin L. and Anna C. Lerch Fund, from Elder Martin L. Lerch, of Freemansburgh, Pa.

By direction of the Board the Superintendent last May published a second edition of the Tract on "Our Church-building Funds," enlarged and complete, the expense (except a small part) having been paid by Mrs. Ezra High, of the First Church, Reading, Pa. Nearly seven hundred copies have been distributed, in the hope of awakening still greater interest in this important part of our work.

The report of Treasurer John J. Nissley, which is herewith presented, shows that both Synods have fallen far short of the apportionment for the support of the missionaries, as well as in that for church-building, no doubt in part owing to the hard times.

While we gratefully report that the missions as a whole are doing well, and that the prospects for the new Synodical year are bright, the Board must at the same time with some anxiety express the hope that during the year to come the income from the Eastern and the Potomac Synods will be much larger than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS.

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Dr.

1893. Oct. 2. To balance in the Treasury $2,273 68

For Missions.

Eastern Synod.

CLASSES.		
Philadelphia	$2,134 58	
Tohickon	1,021 62	
Goshenhoppen	1,317 29	
East Pennsylvania	100 00	
Lebanon	1,215 54	
Schuylkill	2,066 13	
Lancaster	999 56	
East Susquehanna	683 02	
West Susquehanna	614 48	
Lehigh	1,548 02	
Wyoming	697 96	
		$12,398 20

Synod of Potomac.

CLASSES.		
Maryland	1,751 96	
Mercersburg	841 32	
Juniata	841 30	
Carlisle	534 66	
Zions	476 91	
Gettysburg	197 33	
North Carolina	100 00	
Virginia	250 00	
		4,993 48
		$19,665 36

Miscellaneous Sources for Missions.

Reformed Congregation, Ridgely, Md.	22 05	
John Miller, Beavertown, Pa.	1 00	
Collection Eastern Synod at Lebanon, Pa.	13 57	
Woman's Miss. Soc., St. Paul's Church, Mahonoy City	25 00	
Woman's Miss. Soc., Ashland, Pa., to complete pledge	15 00	
Rev. G. Graedel Ballard, Washington	7 00	
From "Anonymous" Baltimore, Md.	4 00	
J. W. Bowman, 1st Dep. S. S. Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg	3 00	
St. Luke's Ref'd Church, North Wales	11 20	
Ladies' Miss. Soc. 1st Church York, pledge for Rev. Sangree	50 00	
B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.	50 00	
Rev. A. B. Bauman, Harrisville, Va.	7 22	
Miss. Soc., Christ's Ref. Church, Lower Saucon, Pa.	15 00	
Mrs. Adalaide F. Gast, Lancaster	5 00	
Christ's Evan. Ref. Church, Green St., Phila.	143 27	
Brought forward		372 31
Ref. Congregation, East Vincent, Pa.	1 86	
Miss. Soc., Pennsburg, Pa.	5 00	
St. John's Guild, Allentown, Pa.	1 00	
Ref. Cong. at Williamsport, Pa.	5 00	
Ref. Cong. at Frederick, Md., pledge for Everett, Washington	50 00	
First Church, Hanover, Pa., Lenten offering	18 56	
Sunday School, 1st Church, Hanover, Lenten offering	19 00	
G. W. D. Enders, Fisherville, Pa., Easter offering	7 00	
Sunday School, Reiglesville, Pa.	108 74	
St. Paul's Ref. Mission, Woodstock, Va.	10 00	
Third Church, Easton, Pa	20 00	
Emmanuel's Cong., Hanover, Pa.	100 00	
E. H. Burkholder and wife, Farmersville, Pa.	20 00	
Sunday School, Christ's Ref. Church, Phila.	50 00	
Woman's Miss. Soc., Mercersburg Classis	100 00	
C. Endeavor Soc, 3d St. Church, Easton, Pa.	25 17	
Mrs. Catharine Dickel, Harrisburg	15 00	
Mrs. Geo. B. Kelker	10 00	
Interest on Nevin Boyer Memorial Fund	5 00	
Woman's Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod	590 00	
Zwingli Miss. Soc., Epler's Church, Lebanon Co.	15 00	
Dr. E. R. Eshbach's 3d payment for Everett, Washington	25 00	
		$1,573 64

Designated Use for Missions.

Woman's Miss. Soc., Phila. Classis for Calvary Mission, Phila	15 00	
Bethlehem Mission, Phila., account pledge	25 00	
Messiah Mission, Phila., on account $100 pledge	10 00	
Schuylkill Classis, for Rev. T. J. Bowers	250 00	
Schuylkill Classis, per Dr. A. S. Raudenbush	600 00	
Schuylkill Classis, for Rev. H. Y. Stoner	400 00	
Lehigh Classis, for Rev. M. J. Roth	150 00	
Lehigh Classis, for Rev. M. Dieffenderfer	200 00	
East Penna. Classis, for C. Noss	35 00	

Brought forward		1,685 00
East Penna. Classis, for Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	291 65	
Lebanon Classis, for Lykens charge	10 00	
Lebanon Classis, for Johnstown charge	1 00	
West Susquehanna Classis, for Rev. S. Kuhn . . .	100 00	
Mrs. Adalaide F. Gast, for Rev. M. G. Sangree .	10 00	
Woman's Miss. Soc., St. Stephen's, Lancaster, for Rev. Lewis Reiter .	32 00	
Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach, for Roanoke Mission .	5 00	
Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas., for 4th Church, Harrisburg	50 00	
Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., Pastor for Stroudsburg Missions	45 00	
Rev. D. E. Klopp, D.D., Pastor for Hazleton Mission	15 00	
Pleasantville Congregation, for Rev. Henry Tesnow	10 00	
		$2,254 65

Interest on Loans.

From Maryland Classis . .	15 00	
" Rev. T. J. Bower . .	12 00	
" Mrs. C. A. Fremel .	132 50	
" Second Ref. Church, Harrisburg	10 59	
" Grace Ref. Church, Abilene, Kansas . . .	80 50	
" Spangler Legacy. York Bank stock . . .	37 50	
" L. C. Seidel	150 00	
" Rev. G. Graedel . . .	16 00	
" Sophia and J. L. Grove	69 00	
" First Ref. Church Royersford	20 00	
" Faith Mission, Baltimore	10 00	
" General Board . . .	167 00	
" St. Stephen's Church, Baltimore	25 00	
" Calvary Ref. Church, Scranton	50 00	
" Mrs. C. A. Fremel .	12 00	
		807 09

Hungarian Missions.

From J. J. Nissley, Treasurer, Eastern Synod .	334 70	
" J. J. Nissley, Treasurer, Eastern Synod .	456 95	
" Woman's Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod, 3d quarterly payment . .	75 00	
" Woman's Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod	25 60	
" Woman's Miss. Soc., Phila. Classis	25 00	
" St. Paul's Ref. Sunday School, Woodstock, Va.	3 93	
" C. A. Shultz, Treasurer, Zion's Classis . .	25 22	
" Rev. J. David Miller, Treas., Carlisle Classis .	32 00	
" Rev. T. J. Barkley, Treasurer, Gettysburg Classis	10 00	
		988 40

Harbor Mission.

From J. J. Nissley, Treas, Eastern Synod	84 70	
" J. J. Nissley, Treas., Eastern Synod	45 53	
		130 23
		$25,419 37

Disbursements.

Paid James T. Reber, Treas., for Missions .	$19,723 38	
Paid Rev. Gotfried Vetter	50 00	
Paid amounts contributed for designated use . .	2,254 65	
Paid James T. Reber, Treas., for Hungarian Missions	988 40	
Paid James T. Reber, Treas., for Harbor Mission	130 23	
Paid Traveling Expenses of Superintendent and Board, Postage, Printing and Stationery . .	229 92	
Paid Rev. D. B. Shuey for repairs, etc., to parsonage at Emporia, Kansas	150 00	
Paid interest	154 25	
Paid Wirt Legacy on Loan to St. Paul's Ref. Church, Roanoke, Va .	1,000 00	
Paid Salaries of Secretary and Treasurer	150 00	
Balance in Treasury .	588 54	
		$25,419 37

Church Building.

1893. Oct. 2. To Balance in Treasury		$381 47

Eastern Synod.

CLASSES.

Lancaster	121 25	
West Susquehanna	158 44	
East Susquehanna	137 01	
Schuylkill	257 70	
Lebanon	173 30	
East Pennsylvania	104 37	
Goshenhoppen	224 00	
Tohickon	196 00	
		$1,372 07

Synod of the Potomac.

CLASSES.

Carlisle	5 90	
Zion's	8 60	
		14 50

Miscellaneous Sources.

From Mrs. Frank P. Herr, Ridgely, Md.	10 00	
From Mrs. Ezra High, Reading, Pa.	50 00	
From Miss. Soc., Ridgely, Md.	5 00	
		65 00

Church Extension, Baltimore, Md.

From Rev. J. David Miller, Treas., Carlisle Classis .		52 00

Church Building Funds.

For John and Sarah Emig Fund	500 00	
For William and Susan Dice Fund	500 00	
For Rev. Dr. Charles F. and Maria Hoke McCauley Memorial Fund	600 00	
For Florence Clark Shuman Fund	500 00	
For East Penna. Classis Fund	185 34	
For Wyoming Classis Fund	146 00	
For Catechumens' Fund	68 79	
For West Susquehanna Classis Fund	93 55	
For Edwin B. and Clara S. McCauley Memorial Fund	470 00	
For Emmanuel's Hanover Church Fund No. 3	500 00	
		3,563 68

Loans Repaid.

Maryland Classis, 3d Payment, 2d Mortg., Faith Miss., Baltimore	150 00	
Rev. T. J. Bower	100 00	
Second Ref. Church, Harrisburg	177 80	
C. S. Slagle, Treas., account Loan Christ's Church, Baltimore	200 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremel, account of Loan	600 00	
Sophia and John L. Grove, Mortg. Paid	2,000 00	
Grace Ref. Church, Abilene, Kansas	100 00	
C. S. Slagle, Treas., 5th Payment Mortg. Faith Miss., Baltimore	150 00	
		3,477 80
Loan from John J. Nissley.		1,500 00
		$10,426 52

Disbursements.

Paid C. M. Boush, Treas. Church Extension	381 47	
Paid Balc. $3,000. Loan to St. Paul's Ref. Church, Roanoke, Va	2,000 00	
Paid amount contributed by East. Susq. Classis for Church Building to Rev. L. D. Steckel, for Tower City Mission	137 01	
Paid Donation to Rev. Henry Tesnow, Messiah Mission, Phila.	200 00	
Paid Rev. W. F. Lichtleiter to cancel debt on Church	150 00	
Paid Edgar Slagle, Tr. Synod of the Potomac Church Extension, Baltimore	52 00	
Paid Loan to Fourth Ref. Church, Harrisburg	1,500 00	
Paid Rev. J. C. Leonard to aid in building Church at Thomasville, N. C.	250 00	
Paid Loan from J. J. Nissley	1,500 00	
Paid Rev. A. C. Whitmer, for Postage, etc., on Building Fund Tracts and Letters	12 15	
Paid C. M Boush, Treas. Church Extension, one-half contributed by the different Classes for Church building	693 28	
Balance in Treasury	3,550 61	
		$10,426 52

Respectfully submitted,

Hummelstown, Pa., Sept. 22, 1894. JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 24, 1894.

C. S. GERHARD.
J. A. HOFFHEINS.

TO THE POTOMAC SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN: Were the Board of Foreign Missions to present to your Reverend Body its usual annual statement showing a decline, during the last year, in the fruitful efficiency of our work in Japan, it would be only what might be expected in view of the political and warring complications in that country. But it is with thankful hearts that we find ourselves saved from such a painful necessity. With but few exceptions, and these for the most part readily accounted for, it is our happy privilege to report encouraging success along the whole line. The principal exceptions just referred to, as appears from the late statistical report, are the want of increase in membership and the falling off in contributions, in part of our field. This appears to be confined to the remoter points. When for one moment we consider the condition of our evangelistic work during the last year, with Rev. Dr. Moore's time engrossed in the Girls' School; with Rev. Schneder not

sufficiently recovered to take his wonted part in this work; with Rev. Miller not sufficiently familiar with the language; with our out-posts left to the care of native evangelists, as yet with limited experience in their work, the wonder is that the shortage is not much greater. The decrease in contributions may be accounted for, at least in part, by the decrease in the value of the Japanese *yen,* which is now worth only about fifty cents, whereas our report is in gold. They may have contributed nearly as many *yen* as they did the year before, but their value is much less in gold.

A considerable number of names have been erased from the congregational lists in consequence of the alienation of many, caused by the political agitations, and violent opposition of the Buddhists. It has been a year of sifting. But while the number of "dismissals and erasures" was 124, and deaths 31, (the dismissals are not to be counted as defections), yet the net increase of members is greater this year than the one preceding. The number received from other churches was but little over half what it was the year before, while the number of baptisms was 235 against 94. The total membership is 1960 as against 1842, probably by this time 2000. There were five graduates from the Theological Department of the Tohoku Gakuin, thus increasing the number of native workers.

The necessity of an early reinforcement of our workers in both the teaching and evangelistic departments, was apparent to the Board. The wisdom of enabling them to acquire the language before the necessity of their service became immediately imperative, was also clear. When, therefore, the Christian Endeavor Societies of our Church proposed to support a new missionary to Japan upon the sole condition that he be called the "C. E. Missionary," thus providing for the support of one, the Board felt warranted, besides appointing Rev. S. S. Snyder, of Columbiana, O., the "C. E. Missionary," to appoint a second, Mr. Christopher Noss, of Silver Run, Maryland, who after taking a post-graduate course of one year in the University at Berlin, Germany, will proceed to his field of labor in Japan.

Verily has God blessed our work. We look forward to the coming year with bright hopes and expectations. Rev. Dr. Moore will be released from the Girls' School by the arrival of Miss Zurfluh, and will be enabled to devote himself to his proper evangelistic work. Rev. Snyder will lend a helping hand to the extent that his want of acquaintance with the language will allow, and when after another year Mr. Christopher Noss, now under appointment, shall take his place in the field, the Board anticipates a forward movement in our work such as it has not been in our power hitherto to effect.

The question of the effective prosecution of our work awaits its solution, not so much in Japan as here at home. Will the home Church furnish the means for the realization of our hopes? We look to you, beloved brethren, for the answer. For after all, success largely depends upon our pastors.

The self-denial effort to relieve the Board of its embarrassing indebtedness was but a partial success, furnishing but little over half the needed sum. But that was a great help. The measure was new to the Church, and commanded the co-operation of but a portion of our congregations. In view of the pressing necessities now weighing upon the Board of providing comfortable residences for Rev. Dr. Moore and Rev. Snyder, and in another year for Bro. Noss, we most respectfully ask your Reverend Body to designate the approaching Lenten Season, or such other time as may be deemed befitting, as a time for *special* self-denial offerings to meet the emergency. We need at least some eight thousand dollars for the three houses and necessary grounds, over and above the sum designated by General Synod for current expenses.

We also respectfully urge your Synod to take such action as will move the Church to respond promptly and favorably to the action of General Synod in this sacred interest.

Brethren in the Lord, you have laid the Lord's work upon us. Our hands are to the plow, and we pray that we be not compelled to turn back for the want of means.

Statistics for the year 1893–1894:—Organized churches, 12; self-supporting and independent churches, 5; preaching stations, 41; membership last year, 1842; dismissals and erasures, 124; deaths, 31; received from other churches, 38; baptisms, 235; present membership, 1960; girls' school, 1; scholars, 58; Sunday-schools, 27; scholars, 1063; boys' schools, 1; scholars, 134; theological schools, 1; scholars, 26; native ministers, 9; unordained preachers, 18; colporteurs, 2; Bible women, 5; contributions, for all purposes, $2,528.21; number of students at the close of last term, both Theological and Collegiate, 160. Students who dropped out during the year are not included in this number.

Your servant in the Lord,

S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Mechanicsburg, Pa., October 1, 1894.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report as follows:

The following reports were placed in our hands: The Annual Report of the General Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Audited Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions and the Report of the Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Your committee gleans from these reports many things which are hopeful, and for which we have great reason to be thankful to the great Head of the Church. All the Boards speak of the necessity of enlarging the work, because of the demands which are being made upon them. The appeals coming from our mission in Japan are Macedonian calls to "Come over and help them."

The General Board of Missions is asking for help, that they may go forward with the work in many of the larger cities of our land. An auspicious beginning has been made in Sunday-school missionary work. The work and growing interest among the ladies of our Church is another sign of promise. The fact that during the year eight special Building Funds were given by members and friends of the Church is another evidence of the growing favor of our mission work.

From the Report of the Foreign Mission Board we learn that two new missionaries were sent out during the year, Rev. S. S. Snyder and Miss Zurfluh, and Mr. Christopher Noss has been placed under appointment and will depart for Japan one year hence. We also learn from this report that the self-denial effort was successful in part to relieve the Board, and they ask for another self-denial effort for the special work on hand in Japan. The following apportionment is asked from this Synod: Home Missions, $9,000; Hungarian Missions, $500; Foreign Missions, $5,100; and 6 cents per member for Church Building.

Resolved, That we assume the amount of $9,000 for Home Missions, $500 for Hungarian Missions, $5,100 for Foreign Missions and 6 cents per member for Church Building, and that these sums be apportioned among the several Classes.

Resolved, That Synod urge upon our Classes the importance of raising special Church Building Funds, in view of the demand for church edifices for our missions.

Resolved, That Synod, in accordance with the wishes of the Foreign Board,

designate the coming Lenten season, in part at least, as a period for self-denial offerings for the special work of providing residences for our missionaries.

Resolved, That, in view of the fact that the work in Japan is calling for enlarged outlay of money and more workers, Synod ask the Classes to urge the payment of the Foreign Mission apportionment in full, and encourage congregations which are morally and financially able, to contribute over and above their apportionment as much as possible for the general work.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS ROBB, *Chairman.*

The Special Committee, under item 11 of Report on Minutes of Synod, appointed at the last annual meeting, to assist in organizing the Synodical Missionary Society, as authorized by the Synod, reported, and after considerable discussion over the report, it was, on motion, re-committed with instructions, and the committee was directed to report accordingly to the next annual meeting of the Synod.

The request from the General Board of Missions for assistance in building the English Mission church in Chicago, Ill., was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, which reported, and, after being amended, the report was adopted as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That, in answer to the request of the General Board of Missions for building a church in Chicago, Ill., this Synod assume one thousand dollars.

Resolved, That this amount be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment among the several Classes.

The following preamble and resolutions were moved and adopted:

WHEREAS, This Synod, under Divine Providence, rejoices in the fact of continued success on the part of the labors of our missionaries in Japan, and from the present encouraging prospect under the continuance of the blessing of the Holy Spirit, and the proper pecuniary aid, we may hope for the accomplishing of still greater ingatherings; and,

WHEREAS, One of these self-denying Christian workers, in the person of Mrs. Hoy, is at this time on a temporary visit to America, appealing to the people of our Church and our nation for increased aid for the wider dissemination of their work in that land, where the "harvest is great and the laborers few;" therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize in Mrs. Hoy a faithful and efficient instrument in the hands of the Master for the performance of such service as, in the pursuit of evangelization, she is called upon to perform.

Resolved, That, in the solicitation for means for the specific object of providing more suitable and greatly needed quarters for the Boys' School at Sendai, and for the wider circulation of the "*Evangelist*," we commend this faithful sister to the generous support of all who may be constrained to contribute their means to the laudable object which Mrs. Hoy at this time represents.

Resolved, further, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to furnish Mrs. Hoy with an official copy of the foregoing action.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. C. Clever and J. O. Miller were elected members of the Synod's Board of Missions for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE.

Revs. C. Clever and J. O. Miller, for four years; Revs. J. F. Moyer and G. A. Whitmore, for three years; Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, for two years; and Rev. J. W. Pontius, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

Finance.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

EDGAR SLAGLE, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac for the year ending October 12, 1894.*

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Received.

From Zion's Classis for Contingent Fund	76 00		
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	57 00		
" " " Theological Seminary	5 94		
" " " North Carolina Professorship	12 87		
" " " Church Extension in Baltimore	13 50	—	165 31
" Maryland Classis for Contingent Fund	146 00		
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	110 00		
" " " Theological Seminary	20 00		
" " " Hungarian Missions	73 03		
" " " North Carolina Professorship	154 59		
" " " Seminary Building at Lancaster	20 73		
" " " Sunday School Board General Synod	63 84		
" " " Church Building	47 00	—	635 19
" Mercersburg Classis for Contingent Fund	58 00		
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	44 00		
" " " Theological Seminary	11 00		
" " " Hungarian Missions	29 00		
" " " North Carolina Professorship	104 00	—	246 00
" Virginia Classis for Home Missions	250 00		
" " " Hungarian Missions	38 00		
" " " North Carolina Professorship	75 00	—	363 00
" Gettysburg Classis for Contingent Fund	93 00		
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	70 00		
" " " Theological Seminary	12 00	—	175 00
" Carlisle Classis for Contingent Fund	67 25		
" " " Mercersburg College	3 80		
" " " Theological Seminary	5 50		
" " " Church Extension in Baltimore	52 00		
" " " North Carolina Professorship	57 33	—	185 88
" Juniata Classis for Contingent Fund	88 00		
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	67 00		
" " " Home Missions	941 30		
" " " Hungarian Missions	77 00		
" " " Theological Seminary	13 00	—	1,186 30
" North Carolina Classis for Contingent Fund	49 00		
" " " " Contingent Fund General Synod	37 00	—	86 00
" Portland Oregon Classis for Contingent Fund	27 00		
" " " " Contingent Fund General Synod	5 00		
" " " " Church Building	10 50		
" " " " Home Missions General Synod	19 50	—	62 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer, October 13, 1893			1,206 34
			$4,311 02

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1893.	Expenditures.		
October 20.	By cash paid Rev. J. G. Noss, expense in calling special meeting of Synod in April, 1893	2 35	
"	By cash paid Rev. R. L. Gerhart, expense attending meeting of Eastern Synod	8 00	
"	By cash paid Rev. J. G. Noss, expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors	2 50	
October 25.	By cash paid Rev. T. J. Barkley, expense of Synod	25 00	
"	By cash paid Rev. T. J. Barkley, telegram to Mrs. Dr. Schaff	75	
October 30.	By cash paid Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., expense of Centennial Committee	23 65	
"	By cash paid Rev. J. David Miller, printing tickets and Centennial envelopes	9 50	
December 20.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Home Missions	182 64	
December 21.	By cash paid Jas. T. Reber, Treas., Home Missions, General Synod	19 50	

1894.			
January 3.	By cash paid Hanover S. F. Society, Box rent for 1894 . . .	5 00	
January 5.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Theological Seminary Building	20 73	
"	By cash paid Ref. Church Publication Houses publishing Minutes of Synod	210 50	
"	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., interest on Stoudenour legacy	12 00	
"	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., postage and expenses on Minutes	12 00	
February 16.	By cash paid C. G. Gross, Treas., Contingent Fund General Synod	240 00	
February 27.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Home Missions	256 00	
April 23.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Home Missions	202 66	
May 5.	By cash paid Rev. W. H. Groh, interest on Brechbill legacy .	12 00	
May 17.	By cash paid Rev. J. T. Rossiter, expense of amendment to the Charter of Synod	2 75	
May 21.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Home Missions	250 00	
May 23.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., salary as stated clerk	100 00	
May 24.	By cash paid Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas., Church Extension in Baltimore	65 50	
May 25.	By cash paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors	3 42	
June 13.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Home Missions	200 00	
"	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors	3 00	
"	By cash paid Rev. C. Clever, D. D., expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors	3 00	
June 29.	By cash paid Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treas., Sunday School Board of General Synod	35 32	
August 8.	By cash paid Jas. T. Reber, Treas., Hungarian Missions . .	184 03	
August 10.	By cash paid Rev. J. David Miller, Secr., expense of Board of Education	19 91	
September 5.	By cash paid Edgar Slagle, salary as Treas. to Jan. 1, 1895 . .	100 00	
September 10.	By cash paid Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors	2 94	
September 24.	By cash paid Rev. J. H Bomberger, Treas., Sunday School Board of General Synod	28 52	
October 5.	By cash paid John B Roth, Treas., for Theological Seminary	75 00	
October 10.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Home Missions	100 00	
October 12.	By cash paid Jas. T. Reber, Treas., Hungarian Missions . . .	33 00	
"	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Church building . . .	57 50	
"	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., Mercersburg College	3 80	
"	By cash paid Rev. J. C. Leonard, for half the expense of Delegates from North Carolina	35 00	
	Balance in hands of Treasurer	1,763 55	
			$4,311 02

Respectfully submitted,

Hanover, October 12, 1894. EDGAR SLAGLE, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee on Finance submits the following report. The Treasurer's Report has been audited, and found to be correct, according to the vouchers furnished by him.

The amounts referred to us for apportionment are as follows: Home Missions, $9,000; Foreign Missions, $5,100; Beneficiary Education, $4,000; Theological Seminary, current expenses, $400; and teacher in elocution, $75; Calvin College, $300; Contingent Fund of General Synod, $450; Contingent Fund of Synod of Potomac, $600; English Mission Church of Chicago, $1,000; and for Church Building six cents per member. These several amounts your Committee has apportioned as follows:

Home Missions.—Maryland Classis, $2,201; Gettysburg Classis, $1,363; Juniata Classis, $1,320; Zion's Classis, $1,123; Mercersburg Classis, $841; North Carolina Classis, $755; Carlisle Classis, $630; Virginia Classis, $604, and Portland-Oregon Classis, $163. Making $9,000.

Foreign Missions.—Maryland Classis, $1,247; Gettysburg Classis, $772; Juniata Classis, $748; Zion's Classis, $636; Mercersburg Classis, $477; North Carolina Classis, $428; Carlisle Classis, $358; Virginia Classis, $342, and Portland-Oregon Classis, $92. Making $5,100.

Hungarian Missions.—Maryland Classis, $124; Gettysburg Classis, $77; Juniata Classis, $76; Zion's Classis, $64; Mercersburg Classis, $49; North Carolina Classis, $44; Carlisle Classis, $37, and Virginia Classis, $35. Making $506.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, $976; Juniata Classis, $725; Gettysburg Classis, $600; Zion's Classis, $499; Mercersburg Classis, $450; Carlisle Classis, $350, and Virginia Classis, $300. Making $3,900.

Theological Seminary.—Maryland Classis, $20; Juniata Classis, $13; Gettysburg Classis, $12; Mercersburg Classis, $11; Zion's Classis, $9; Carlisle Classis, $5, and Virginia Classis, $5. Making $75.

Theological Seminary (Current Expenses).—Maryland Classis, $100; Gettysburg Classis, $61; Juniata Classis, $60; Zion's Classis, $51; Mercersburg Classis, $39; North Carolina Classis, $35; Carlisle Classis, $29, and Virginia Classis, $25. Making $400.

Contingent Fund of General Synod.—Maryland Classis, $110; Gettysburg Classis, $70; Juniata Classis, $67; Zion's Classis, $57; Mercersburg Classis, $44; North Carolina Classis, $37; Carlisle Classis, $32; Virginia Classis, $28, and Portland-Oregon Classis, $5. Making $450.

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Maryland Classis, $146; Gettysburg Classis, $93; Juniata Classis, $88; Zion's Classis, $76; Mercersburg Classis, $58; North Carolina Classis, $49; Carlisle Classis, $42; Virginia Classis, $38, and Portland-Oregon Classis, $10. Making $600.

Calvin College.—Maryland Classis, $74; Gettysburg Classis, $46; Juniata Classis, $45; Zion's Classis, $38; Mercersburg Classis, $29; North Carolina Classis, $25; Carlisle Classis, $22, and Virginia Classis, $21. Making $300.

English Mission Church of Chicago.—Maryland Classis, $248; Gettysburg Classis, $154; Juniata Classis, $152; Zion's Classis, $128; Mercersburg Classis, $98; North Carolina Classis, $82; Carlisle Classis, $72, and Virginia Classis, $66. Making $1,000.

Church Building (six cents per member).—Maryland Classis, $532.50; Gettysburg Classis, $326.64; Juniata Classis, $311.10; Zion's Classis, $278.52; Mercersburg Classis, $208.92; North Carolina Classis, $169.74; Carlisle Classis, $140.46; Virginia Classis, $139.68, and Portland-Oregon Classis, $29.94. Making $2,137.50.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

ARREARAGES.

The following are the arrearages still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Carlisle Classis, $80.69; Virginia Classis, $38.00; Portland-Oregon Classis, $35.00, and Zion's Classis, $28.52 Making $182.21.

Contingent Fund of General Synod.—Carlisle Classis, $44.29; Virginia Classis, $28.00. and Portland-Oregon Classis, $5.00. Making $77.29.

Mercersburg College.—Zion's Classis, $157.56; Maryland Classis, $24.50, and Portland-Oregon Classis, $8.00. Making $190.06.

Harbor Missions.—Maryland Classis, $93.00; Zion's Classis, $29.14; North

Carolina Classis, $10.00, and Portland-Oregon Classis, $8.00. Making $140.14.

Church Extension in Baltimore.—Gettysburg Classis, $75.00; Virginia Classis, $45.00; Zion's Classis, $44.03, and Carlisle Classis, $8.00. Making $172.03.

Theological Seminary.—Zion's Classis, $10.92; Virginia Classis, $5.00, and Carlisle Classis, $1.75. Making $17.67.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, $963.19; Gettysburg Classis, $850.00; Zion's Classis, $747.85, and Mercersburg Classis, $3.26. Making $2,564.28.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Trustees beg to submit the following Annual Report: Your Board met at Hanover, Pa., October 16, 1894. Members present were as follows: Elders Geo. N. Forney, J. N. Slagle, and the Treasurer Edgar Slagle. In the absence of the President the Vice-President was called to the chair, and a quorum being present the following business was transacted:

At the last meeting of the Synod held at Gettysburg, Pa., October 17, 1793, your Board was instructed to have an amendment made to the Charter of the Synod, providing in case of death, resignation or vacancy of the Office of Treasurer of the Synod, that the Board be empowered to fill such vacancy. Your Board has procured said amendment, through the Maryland Legislature, and we submit it herewith for your inspection and approval.

The report of the Treasurer of Synod, showing the funds in his hands, with account of receipts and expenditures, is also submitted for your inspection and action.

As the term of office for one of the members of this Board (Rev. J. T. Rossiter) expires January 1, 1895, it will be necessary for your Reverend Body to provide for filling said vacancy.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. N. FORNEY, *Chairman.*

AMENDMENT TO CHARTER, 1894. CHAPTER 89.

An act to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section eight of an Act passed at the January Session, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, being Chapter One Hundred and Eighty-two of the Acts of said Session entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States."

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section eight of the Act, passed at the January Session, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, being Chapter One Hundred and Eighty-two of the Acts of said Sessions entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the Trustess of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 8. And be it further enacted, That the said Corporation shall and may have a President, a Vice-President, who shall be the Secretary or Clerk, and a Treasurer, the President and Vice-President to be chosen by the said Corporation, out of their own number, as often as they may see proper, and according to the rules by them to be subscribed; but the Treasurer to be elected annually by the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, from among the members of said Corporation, in such a manner as to said Synod may seem proper, and the same person shall be re-eligible to the office of Treasurer by the said Synod from year to year, as long as he continues

to be a member of the said Corporation, and in the event of any person having declined to serve as Treasurer, or having died while holding said office, or the said office having become vacant from any cause, the Board shall have authority to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the said Synod; and the said Corporation shall have authority to appoint such other officers and servants as shall by them, the said Corporation, be deemed necessary; to all of which officers the said Corporation may assign such compensation for their services, and such duties to be performed by them, to continue in office for such time, and to be succeeded by others in such way conformably to the provisions of this Act, as the said Corporation may direct.

SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 15, 1894.

FRANK BROWN, *Governor.*
JAMES H. PRESTON, *Speaker of the House of Delegates.*
JOHN WALTER SMITH, *President of the Senate.*

The foregoing amendment was referred to a Special Committee, composed of Revs. J. G. Noss, E. R. Eschbach, J. A. Hoffheins, and Elders E. A. Shulenberger and G. S. Griffith, for inspection and approval. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Trustees, together with the amended charter of Synod, submits the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the amendment to the Charter be and hereby is approved, and that the Synod extends its thanks to the Board of Trustees for the prompt and satisfactory way in which the duty enjoined upon it has been done.

Resolved, further, That the Charter, as amended, be engrossed upon the Minute Book of the Board, published in the Minutes of the Synod, and, if necessary, placed upon record in a Circuit Court of Maryland.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. NOSS, *Chairman.*

The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That all moneys, apportioned for Home and Foreign Missions, when paid, be sent by the several Classical Treasurers directly to the Treasurers of the Bi-Synodic Board and Foreign Missions Board respectively, and not to the Treasurer of Synod, as at present in some instances.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Rev. J. G. Noss was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod, for the term of five years, from January 1st, 1895.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. J. G. Noss, five years; Elder Edgar Slagle, four years; Elder Jacob N. Slagle, three years; Elder Henry M. Schmuck, two years; and Elder George N. Forney, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

Appeals and References.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

Complaints.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Sunday-schools.

The Sunday-school Board presented its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received, referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Sunday-school Board begs leave to offer the following report: Whilst during the past year fewer Sunday-school Conventions were held, the observance of Children's Day and the practical questions connected with the Sunday-school work received an unusual amount of attention throughout the Synod. This was due in part to the desire of the Church to make the schools more fully nurseries of the Church, but largely to the action of the General Secretary, Rev. R. W. Miller, who, since entering upon his duties, has sought to increase the number of the schools and their efficiency.

Your Sunday-school Board held one meeting during the year in Baltimore, April 16, 1894, at which the General Synod's Sunday-school Secretary was present. At his suggestion certain resolutions were adopted with the purpose to secure the appointment of a Standing Sunday-school Committee in each Classis, to provide a roll of honor of schools having a membership equal to or exceeding the membership of the congregations to which the schools belong, and to a more hearty observance of Children's Day.

On the evening of the day on which the Board met, a meeting in the interest of the Sunday-school cause was held in the 1st Reformed Church, at which Elder G. S. Griffith presided, and Revs. C. Clever and R. W. Miller, president and secretary respectively, of the General Synod's Sunday-school Board, Rev. R. L. Gerhart, editor of the *S. S. Treasury*, and Rev. I. N. Peigtel, delivered addresses.

As a result of what has been done and is now doing, your Board expects, under God's blessing, greater numbers, greater efficiency, and greater glory to God in the Sunday-school.

Finances.

Balance in hand of Treasurer at the close of Synod, 1892	$ 8.02
Received since that date	4.83
Total	$12.85
Paid for advertising the S. S. meeting held in 1st Reformed Church, Baltimore	2.20
Paid for circulars	1.00
Paid for traveling expenses of members of Board	9.07
Paid to sexton of 1st Reformed Church	1.00
Paid for Secretary's book and stamps	1.85
Total paid out	$15.12
Balance due G. S. Griffith	$2.27

Respectfully submitted, G. S. Griffith, *President.*

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools respectfully report, that there was placed in our hands the report of the Sunday-school Board of the Synod of the Potomac, and also a communication from the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod.

From the report of the Sunday-school Board of Synod, we are pleased to learn, that the Sunday-school work of the Church within the bounds of our Synod, has been carried forward during the year with commendable zeal and efficiency, and was attended with a remarkable measure of success. The appointments and work of the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod seem to meet with general favor, and are regarded as full of promise for the future, in regard to this very important department of church work.

From the communication of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, we learn, that since the Secretary, Rev. Rufus W. Miller, has entered upon his work, January 1st, 1894, the work committed to the Board has been moving forward in a very satisfactory manner; that there is cause for thanksgiving to God, that the Board is able to report, that pastors, churches and Sunday schools, and the several Classes, have heartily co-operated in the work as outlined by the Board, which is evidenced by the fact, that Children's Day was observed by nearly all our Sunday-schools this year; that about seventy-eight thousand copies of the service "Gather Them In" were sent out, and that the offerings received for the support of the Board thus far amount to $4200—and that the financial condition of the Board has thus been placed upon a safe basis. We also learn that the organization of mission Sunday-schools has been begun; that the Board has aided in the establishing of ten mission schools, has aided others in various ways, and that a general movement has been inaugurated to increase the Sunday-school membership of the Church.

To aid the Sunday-school Board of the Church in the prosecution of this noble work within our bounds, your Committee recommends the following for adoption:—

Resolved, That the Classes of Synod be requested heartily to commend the Sunday-school work to our pastors, consistories and people, and that special efforts be put forth to increase the membership and efficiency of our Schools.

Resolved, That we adopt the following action of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, viz.: "That the Classes be requested to recommend to their pastors and Sunday-schools the making of 'Children's Day,' the time for giving their annual offerings for the support of the work of the Board, it being understood that the one cent a member, authorized by the General Synod, be considered as included in the Children's Day offering: and further that the Sunday-schools which do not give the Children's Day offering, be kindly asked to contribute one cent a member for the work of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod annually."

Respectfully submitted, W. C. CREMER, *Chairman.*

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder G. S. Griffith was elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for the period of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder G. S. Griffith, five years; Rev. A. T. G. Apple, four years; Rev. I. N. Peightel, three years; Rev. R. L. Gerhart, two years; and Rev. W. I. Stewart, one year.

ARTICLE XIX.

Church Government.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

Publication.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 20 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

REPORT ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had twenty-five hundred copies of the "Acts and Proceedings" of the Twenty-First Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication House of Philadelphia, at the cost of $210.50. The bill was paid promptly by the Treasurer of Synod. The Minutes were ready for distribution, and were distributed early in December. Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1894.

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods:

Dear Brethren:—Your Publication Board is pleased to report that the results for the past year have been gratifying, in view of the widespread depression that existed in all departments of trade, which bore with great severity upon publication interests throughout the whole country. Notwithstanding this fact, the subscription list of the *Reformed Church Messenger* has increased, and the other periodicals, with few exceptions, have increased or maintained their former circulation.

The books of the lessee, which were duly examined, showed receipts for the year from all sources of $35,176.39, which, being within the limit of $40,000, the basis of the guarantee, entitles the Board to receive $1,200 from the lessee. This sum was received by the Treasurer of the Board, and is included in his report submitted at the annual meeting of the Board, September 5th, 1894, the only meeting held during the year. The Treasurer, James T. Reber, then reported total funds in hand of $9,171.96, of which $971.96 was in cash, and the remainder in investments yielding 5 per cent. and 6 per cent. interest.

At its late meeting the Board passed resolutions commending to the several Synods this particular interest, and bespeaking for it their active co-operation in the extension of its field and the increase of its patrons. The direct pecuniary benefit, even under conditions more or less adverse, and which, in the opinion of your Board, should not have been countenanced, are so manifest in the handsome fund already to your credit, that this consideration alone should serve to concentrate your individual and joint support upon this House to the exclusion of all others.

The attention of the Synod of the Potomac is called to the expiration, January 1st, 1895, of the term of G. S. Griffith, and that of the Eastern Synod, to the expiration of the term of Edward J. Durban.

Respectfully submitted, G. S. GRIFFITH, *President,*
EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, September 26th, 1894.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication presented its report, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee to whom was committed the consideration of the Publication interests of the Synod, begs leave to offer the following:

From the report of the Publication Board for the year 1894, the only document placed in our hands, we learn the gratifying fact that, notwithstanding the financial depression, the subscription list of the *Reformed Church Messenger* has increased, and the other periodicals, with few exceptions, have increased or maintained their former circulation. Furthermore, we learn the encouraging fact, that the Board has $8,200 invested at a satisfactory per cent., as against $4,205.19 last year, being almost double the amount then reported.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this Synod hears with much pleasure of the increase of the subscription list of its periodicals, and of the prompt investment of its increasing funds on the part of its faithful Board.

Resolved, That the concern expressed on the part of the Board for the "individual and joint support" of this House of Publication, which is operated under a lease given by the three Synods of which we form a part, is reciprocated and emphasized by this Synod, and that we again call the attention of our several Classes to this important matter.

Resolved, That we reiterate the action of last year, which "affectionately and earnestly reminds the several Classes under its care—Pastors, Consistories and Members—of the great importance of the presence of Church literature for a proper and intelligent advance of Church life and Church work, and, therefore, recommends that an energetic effort be made in every pastoral charge to increase the circulation of the periodicals of our Church."

Respectfully submitted, GEO. W. SNYDER, *Chairman.*

The Stated Clerk was directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder G. S. Griffith was elected a member of the Board of Education, to serve for four years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE

Elder G. S. Griffith, for four years; and Elder Samuel Hoeflich, for one year.

ARTICLE XXI.

Miscellaneous.

During the session of Saturday afternoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for the opening of Monday afternoon's session. At the time designated, the election was held, Revs. C. S. Stover, J. C. Leonard, and Elders D. M. Schnebly and C. A. Shultz acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Visitors and Trustees of the

Theological Seminary, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Sunday-schools and Publication.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes, to whom items 6 and 7 of the Report on Overtures were referred, presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

Your Committee on Orphan Homes would respectfully report:

The annual reports of Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes, together with a statement from Rev. P. C Prugh, D.D., Superintendent of the latter Home, have been referred to us. From these papers we learn that both of them are in a prosperous condition. Their affairs are administered in a practical and economical manner. It is estimated that it costs in either of them about $100 a year to maintain a child. Great care is taken to admit to them only such orphans as are actually needy and worthy. To all such, their doors are open from our Synod as well as from other parts of the Church. The religious and moral condition of the children is said to be quite good. The general health of the children was also remarkably good.

There are now 98 inmates in Bethany Orphans' Home, and 5 more are about to be admitted. Of these 18 are from the bounds of this Synod. All orphans in this Home are dependent on the Church for support. In order to pay present indebtedness on current expenses, and to take the family through the winter, this Home looks to us and the Church at large for about six thousand dollars at the coming Christmas season.

In St. Paul's Orphan Home there are now 84 children. Some of these are there at the expense of a father, or a mother, or a friend, while the great majority are dependent on the alms of our churches and Sunday-schools. Thirteen of the children there are from within the bounds of this Synod, while there is held under consideration the application of at least three more, and when these shall have been admitted, there will be sixteen of our orphans in this Home. The Board and Superintendent kindly call our attention to this fact, and tell us that during the last year the aid given them by this Synod was less than half of the cost of the support of the orphans from our bounds. They, therefore, plead for a larger share of our offerings for this cause. This is but just.

We respectfully offer the following for adoption, viz.:

Resolved, That, the blessing vouchsafed to these orphan homes calls for our sincerest gratitude to Him who has not only promised, but has and ever will prove Himself to be the Father of the fatherless.

Resolved, That we commend these orphan homes to the hearty sympathy, earnest prayer and generous support of our Classes, pastors and people, so that a larger number of these little ones may be suitably cared for.

Resolved, That we recommend to our pastors and consistories that, in the distribution of their offerings for this cause, they bear in mind that the orphans from our bounds are almost equally divided between Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. GROH, *Chairman.*

Revs. Dr. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and T. M. Yundt, Superintendent of Bethany Orphan Home, both set forth in forcible addresses before the Synod the cause in general, and the specific condition, claims and needs of their respective Homes.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The following is a statement of the moneys received and expended on account of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the U. S.," within the bounds of your Reverend Synod, for the year ending Sept. 29, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Gettysburg	Classis	$205 27
Maryland	"	194 83
Mercersburg	"	67 83
Virginia	"	67 00
Juniata	"	65 00
Zion's	"	48 84
Carlisle	"	16 76
Total		$665 53

EXPENDITURES.

Maryland	Classis	$225 00
Carlisle	"	100 00
Virginia	"	100 00
Mercersburg	"	75 00
Zion's	"	75 00
Gettysburg	"	50 00
Juniata	"	50 00
Total		$675 00

A place is asked in your printed Minutes for the accompanying statement of the general operations of the Society during the past year. Further, it is hoped that your Reverend Synod will continue to encourage the Society in its noble work of relief, and, if possible, enlarge your interest in the good cause. With the prayer that the benediction of the Great Head of the Church may rest upon your deliberations, I am yours fraternally in Christ,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*.

St. Petersburg, Pa., Sept. 29th, 1894.

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the U. S.," through its officers, presents for the information of the Church and for record in the Minutes of Synod, the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the year ending Sept. 29, 1894:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury as per last report	$2,396.00
" from collections in the churches	2,256.00
" " interest on investment	1,213.00
" " miscellaneous sources	500.55
" " matured loan	500.00
	$6,866.44

EXPENDITURES.

Paid forty annuitants	$2,410.00
" for investment	1,500.00
" " expenses	160.10
Cash in Treasury	2,796.34
	$6,866.44

As will be seen from the above statement the number of annuitants who have been helped is the same as last year, viz., twenty-nine widows and eleven disabled ministers. For the coming year application has been made for help by four others, two ministers and two widows. The cash in the Treasurer's hands will be needed to meet the appropriations made by the Society at the annual meeting of Oct. 16, 1894.

The membership of the Society in the past year has been increased by the addition of the following from the collections and contributions, to wit:

Life Members: Revs. A. J. Bachman, W. R. H. Deatrich, J. H. Schlappich, A. M. Keifer, W. M. Landis, W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., C. Becker, W. Donat, C. S. Gerhard, D. D., J. W. Miller, J. W. Rauch, D. W. Kerr, T. A. Huber, J. E. Smith, A. C. Snyder, L. Rike, S. C. Goss, D. D., G. W. Snyder, J. R. Lewis, O. F. Schaeffer, B. F. Bausman, A. C. Whitmer, D. W. Gerhard, F. Pilgram, J. J. Wagoner, A. A. Black, W. R. Hofford, D. D., U. O. H. Kerschner, and H. J. Welker.

Annual Members: Revs. C. Gundlach and Louis Brugger.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.
Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.
Rev. S. S. Miller, *Treasurer*, St. Petersburg, Pa.

The foregoing statement was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and the following action was reiterated, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayers of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

At the session of Tuesday evening Revs. J. D. Miller, J. M. Runkle, C. S. Stover, L. E. Coblentz and L. Robb, were constituted a reportorial committee to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press. Shortly before final adjournment the committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee appointed to report the proceedings of the Synod to the public press begs leave to report that we have reported to the *Baltimore American*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Times* and *Record*, *Altoona Tribune*, and the daily papers of York, the proceedings from day to day during our sessions.

Respectfully submitted, J. David Miller, *Chairman.*

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the pastor of the church in which the sessions of Synod were held twenty-five dollars to defray the incidental expenses of the Synod.

Captain Frank Geise, through pastor J. O. Miller, at the session of Saturday morning, extended a kind invitation to the members of Synod to take a ride over the lines of the Electric Railway Company of York and view the city. The invitation was thankfully accepted, and the time fixed for three and a-half o'clock in the afternoon, following the preparatory services. At the time designated the trip was taken, first going to the beautiful Prospect Hill Cemetery on the north of the city, and thence to Highland Park to the southwest of York, the jaunt occupying a couple of hours, and a ride of probably half a dozen miles. The afternoon was delightful, the trip was greatly enjoyed by the members of Synod, and at Monday morning's session the thanks of the Synod were returned to Mr. Geise.

Rev. G. W. Snyder was, on motion, appointed the representative of Synod to convey its kind greetings to the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church, then in session in the Second Reformed Church of Harrisburg, Pa. At Monday afternoon's session Rev. Snyder reported to the Synod that he had discharged the duty assigned him on Saturday, and presented a bill of eighty-four cents for traveling expenses, which was ordered to be paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

At the session of Saturday morning the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to convey by telegraph the Christian greetings of the Synod to the Presbyterian Synod of Pennsylvania then in session at Tyrone, Pa. The Corresponding Secretary reported the duty attended to at an expense of fifty-three cents, which the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay.

ARTICLE XXII.

Ministerial Necrology.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, presented the following report, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received, amended, and then adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to submit the following report:

The occasion to chronicle the deaths of so many brethren in the same year is an unprecedented fact in the history of this reverend body. During the Synodical year, now closing, it pleased God in His infinite wisdom, to call eight of our co-laborers in the ministry from earthly toils to heavenly reward:

NAME.	CLASSIS.
Rev. Julius Lange	Portland-Oregon
Rev. Israel S. Weisz, D.D.	Zion
Rev. John C. Hensell	Virginia
Rev. Joseph S. Loose	Virginia
Rev. Amos H. Kremer, D.D.	Carlisle
Rev. Aaron Wanner, D.D.	Zion
Rev. Albert R. Thompson	Virginia
Rev. George W. Welker, D.D.	North Carolina

With the blessed promise that "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmanent; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever," we patiently wait to meet them in the habitations of the saints in light.

REV. JULIUS LANGE.

The subject of this sketch, a nephew of Rev. Dr. J. P. Lange, the great commentator, was born in Schoeller, a village in Rheinish Prussia, February 18, 1841. In his boyhood he attended the public schools of his home, and his rapid progress was an evidence that he possessed more than ordinary talents. He entered the State Seminary for teachers in Dusseldorf at an early age, manifested excellent traits, both intellectual and moral, and graduated at the age of twenty with the highest honors. As a recognition of his worthiness he was rewarded with the appointment of "oberlehrer" in his *alma mater*, which position he held for fourteen years, after which he resolved to prepare himself for missionary work in South America. His physicians, however, advised him, on account of his impaired health, to choose the Northern hemisphere. Hence, in 1876, he entered the German theological school at Franklin, Wisconsin, as student and teacher. After taking a course in theology, he received licensure and ordination in 1878 or 1879.

In 1879 he went as a missionary to a field in Clackamas County, Oregon, where he labored for nearly thirteen years and a half, spending in the meantime eight months in Germany, whither he had gone for his health. After resigning his field of labor in the early part of 1893, on account of ill health, he went back to Germany a second time, where he died after a sickness of less than a fortnight, January 11, 1894, at Schoeller, near Darnap, of inflammation of the lungs, aged 52 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Brother Lange was a scholarly man and a faithful missionary. His labor of love on the Pacific Coast is an abiding monument to his blessed memory.

REV. ISRAEL S. WEISZ, D.D.

This faithful servant in the vineyard of Christ was the son of Rev. George Weisz, of blessed memory, and was born November 27, 1821, in Lancaster, Ohio. He was received in infancy through holy baptism into the covenant of grace, and at a proper age received into full membership of the Reformed Church through the rite of confirmation.

He received his early education in the public schools of his native place. He then went to Mercersburg. Pa., and prepared himself for the office of the holy ministry. Subsequently he was licensed and ordained by Lancaster Classis, Ohio, probably in 1843. His first ministerial labors were performed in Fairfield County, Ohio, as assistant to his father.

In 1847 he entered the Newville Charge, Pa., and, after serving it two years, he returned to Ohio, and for ten years labored in the field once occupied by his father. In 1859 he came back to Pennsylvania and labored for two years in the Nittany Valley Charge, serving at the same time as principal of the Jacksonville Union Seminary. In 1861 he removed to Mifflinburg, Pa. In 1865 he located at Williamsport. In 1868 he went to the Mt. Bethel Charge, Northampton County, Pa. Here his first wife, *nee* Miss Elizabeth Zell Foltz, of Mercersburg, Pa., to whom he was married in 1844, died. Several years later he was married to Miss Emma L. Troxel, of Stone Church, Northampton County, Pa.

In 1873 he became pastor of the Paradise Charge, in York County, Pa. Here he labored successfully, and was officially connected with his people to the time of his death, which occurred Monday, January 15, 1894, aged 72 years, 1 month and 18 days. His remains were borne to Prospect Hill Cemetery, York, Pa., and consigned to their resting-place.

Dr. Weisz' ministry covered a half century, in recognition of which an appropriate memorial was adopted by Zion's Classis, at Red Lion, York Co., May, 1893. He was a man of great earnestness and zeal. He was strong intellectually as well as physically, a logical thinker and a fluent preacher in both the English and German languages.

He was Stated Clerk of Zion's Classis for nearly 7 years, and a member of the Visiting Committee of the Theological Department at Ursinus College for many years, from which institution he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. His end was peace. He now rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

REV. JOHN C. HENSELL.

This aged and venerable servant of Christ was born in Shepherdstown, W. Va., March 29, 1809, and died in Mt. Crawford, Va., March 29, 1894, aged 85 years. Feeling himself called to the holy ministry when 23 or 24 years of age, he entered the High School and Seminary, then located at York, under the care of Drs. Mayer, Rauch, and others. At the close of the winter term of 1835 he was dismissed from the Seminary and recommended for licensure to the Synod convened at Chambersburg, Pa. He was licensed and ordained either in 1835 or 1836.

His first fields of labor were the St. John's and St. Peter's congregations in Augusta County, Va. After serving this charge with great acceptance for twenty-two years and six months, he resigned it in the year 1857–58 and accepted a call from a charge in Rockingham County, Va. Here he labored for twenty-two years and six months, after which he retired from the active ministry, spending the remainder of his years in Mt. Crawford, Va., in care of a beloved grand-daughter.

In 1831 he was married to Miss Annie Powell, of Middletown, Md. His biographer states that a peculiarity in his life was that he served two charges for the same length of time and died on his birthday. His funeral took place March 31, 1894, in the Reformed Church at Mt. Crawford, and his remains were laid to rest in the Reformed Cemetery at the same place.

Bro. Hensell was a faithful minister and a man of great devotion to his Master's work. His memory lives gratefully in the hearts of those unto whom he ministered in holy things, whilst he sleeps peacefully in Jesus, awaiting the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting in the world to come.

REV. JOSEPH S. LOOSE.

This aged father was educated for the holy ministry at Mercersburg, Pa. He was a member of the graduating class of 1849 of Marshall College, and in 1851 he graduated from the theological seminary. He was licensed by the Maryland Classis at Emmitsburg, Md., May 20, 1851. The ministers of the Committee of Examination and Licensure were Revs. D. Zacharias, J. S. Kessler and Wm. F. Colliflower. At the annual meeting held a year later at Hagerstown, he was dismissed to Zion's Classis, by which he was received as a licentiate at a special meeting June 2, 1852, when a committee was appointed to ordain and install him. No date is given of his ordination, but it was probably in 1852.

His first and only charge was at Mechanicsburg, Pa., from 1852–1854. Delicate health—especially a weak throat—would not permit him to remain any longer in the ministry. He taught school for a number of years at Mechanicsburg and Mercersburg. In 1857 he removed to Greencastle, and followed agriculture until 1864. He then removed to Williamsport, Md., and two years later returned to Greencastle, where he resided four years. From 1870 to the time of his death he resided in Virginia, first near Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, and subsequently at Bridgewater, where he died April, 1894. He was married to a Miss Gross. Father Loose was never a man of robust health. Although engaged in active ministry only two years, he remained an example of piety, and was always regarded as a man who feared God and loved righteousness.

REV. AMOS H. KREMER, D.D.

The subject of this memoir was indeed a "father in Israel." Throughout his long ministry, covering more than a half century, he enjoyed the universal confidence and esteem of all who knew him. His meek and quiet spirit endeared him to his associates in the office of the holy ministry, and his memory is sacredly embalmed in the hearts of his surviving co-laborers in Christ's vineyard. Dr. Kremer, son of Frederick W. and Margaret Kremer, was born November, 1814, near the village of Washingtonville, Lancaster County, Pa. At the age of 20 he entered the Classical High School at York, Pa., and subsequently he completed his classical and theological studies at Marshall College. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Synod at Philadelphia, October 1, 1839. He received and accepted a call to Shippensburg, where he was ordained November 7, 1839. After laboring successfully at Shippensburg for six years, he accepted a call from the Reformed Church at Carlisle, where he remained until April 1, 1861, when he accepted a call from the First Reformed Church at Lancaster, where he was installed as pastor April 21 of the same year. After sixteen and one-half years of faithful labor he was recalled to Carlisle and resumed his duties October 1, 1877.

In 1889 his congregation, in connection with the Synod of the Potomac, which had convened in Carlisle, appropriately celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ministry. He continued his labors at Carlisle until the close of his eventful life. He died at the residence of his son-in-law, J. H. Shook, on Tuesday, May 8, 1894, aged 80 years.

Impressive funeral services were held at Carlisle May 11, 1894, and were conducted by Revs. Drs. Gerhart, Callender and Rev. J. David Miller.

Dr. Kremer was married November 26, 1839, to Miss Rebecca Kieffer. Two of his sons entered the ministry. Rev. Ellis N., of Harrisburg, and the late Stephen K. In 1872 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the trustees of Franklin and Marshall College. His love for the institutions of the Church was great. He has been a member of the Board of Visitors of the theological seminary for over fifty years, and President of the Board for a number of years.

Dr. Kremer was truly a great and good man, and one of the most prominent traits in his character was his unselfishness. Thoughtful of others, he was ever ready to promote their comfort at the sacrifice of his own feelings. His love for his own church never conflicted with his high regard for other churches. He enjoyed the regard and confidence of the resident pastors of other churches to no ordinary degree. He was independent in his thought, but allowed to others the same freedom he claimed. He died as he lived, greatly beloved by all who knew him.

REV. AARON WANNER, D.D.

This aged servant of Christ was born June 11, 1819, in Skippack Township, Montgomery County, Pa. His parents being devoted members of the Reformed Church, he was baptized in early infancy, and brought up under strictly religious influences. At the age of nineteen he was confirmed. Shortly after that he went to Mercersburg and began his studies in Marshall College and Theological Seminary, and was examined and licensed by the Synod at Winchester, Va., October 17, 1843.

His first charge was in Bedford, now Fulton County, Pa., and known as the McConnellsburg charge. Here he labored faithfully for three years. He then removed to Ohio and became pastor of the Navarre charge, serving it eighteen months. His next field of labor was the Washingtonville charge, Ohio. After ten years he removed into the Germantown charge, Ohio, where he

labored four years. His next charge was Grindstone Hill, Franklin County, Pa., but he remained there only six months, when he returned to Germantown, Ohio, and for the second time served that charge. Five years later he entered a missionary field in and around Cumberland, Md. In a short time he organized three congregations in Cumberland, Mt. Savage, and Frostburg, Maryland.

In 1869 he accepted a call to Heidelberg Church, York, Pa., and also supplied Mt. Zion Church, near York. Here he labored six years, and then for six months was collecting agent for Ursinus College. His next field of labor was York Springs charge. He was a mere supply for one year, but subsequently he became pastor of it and served it six years. In 1882 he accepted a call to the Kreutz Creek charge, Mt. Zion Congregation having been added to it, and Freysville and Red Lion congregation—both organized by him—were also supplied by him. This charge he was serving at the time of his death.

Dr. Wanner was a hard worker. Eight new churches were built under his pastorate, and he organized ten congregations during a ministry of fifty years. He was well versed in ecclesiastical law, and exercised sound judgment in all matters of church polity. He also wrote two excellent books: the first, "Wanner on the Family;" the second, "The Road to Success." In 1879 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Ursinus College.

He was married to Miss Rebecca Miller, of Franklin County, Pa., September, 1844, who, with five children, survive him. He died June 3, 1894, aged 75 years and 19 days. Funeral services were held in the Trinity First Reformed Church, York. His remains were laid to rest in Prospect Hill Cemetery. His life was adorned with many virtues and Christian graces. He will be long and affectionately remembered by his co-laborers, and also by those unto whom he ministered in holy things.

REV. ALBERT R. THOMPSON.

The subject of this sketch was born in Blair County, Pa., February 10, 1851. He was baptized in infancy and confirmed October 24, 1869. He entered Ursinus College August 31, 1874, and after five years of study he was recommended by the Board of Directors to the Classis of Philadelphia, as an applicant for licensure. He was licensed June 9, 1879, and on October 5, 1879, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Hummelstown charge. Here he remained till April 1, 1881. His second pastorate was St. Paul's Church, Chester County, from May 4, 1881. His third pastorate was the Mt. Bethel charge, Northampton County, and dates from May 31, 1883. His fourth pastorate was the Rockingham charge, Va., and he was installed pastor over the same May 13, 1888. After severe and long-continued bodily suffering he departed this life at his late residence at Collegeville, Montgomery County Pa., June 22, 1894, aged 43 years, 4 months and 12 days, leaving behind a wife and seven children. Interment was made in the Trinity Reformed Church Cemetery, Collegeville, Pa.

REV. GEORGE W. WELKER, D.D.

This venerable servant of the Lord, the son of Daniel and Anna May Welker, was born November 3, 1817, near Greencastle, Pa. He was baptized by Rev. James R. Riley. He received his primary education in the schools of his native place. He entered Marshall College at Mercersburg, Pa., February 27, 1836, and completed his classical course September 25, 1839. On November 6, 1839, he entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at Mercersburg, and on September 29, 1841, he received regular dis-

mission from the Board of Visitors of that institution. He received and accepted a call from the Reformed congregations in Orange and Guilford Counties. He was licensed and ordained by the Classis of North Carolina, at Brick Church, March 27, 1842. He remained pastor of this charge 51 years. Dr. Welker was married three times. His first wife was Miss Abigail Mason, his second wife, Miss Louisa Mason, and his third wife, who is still living, was Miss Emily Jane Corsbie.

Dr. Welker was a scholarly man and an eloquent preacher. He was well and favorably known in the Reformed Church. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the trustees of the University of North Carolina June 15, 1870, and by Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio, June 23, 1871. As a preacher Dr. Welker was full of earnestness and zeal. His aim in preaching was to move and profit, rather than entertain and please, his congregations.

He was released from earth's toils and cares July 9, 1894, to enter into rest in the sweet embrace of his Master, whom he served for a full half century. He was aged 76 years, 8 months and 6 days. He was buried at Mt. Hope Church, near his home, July 11, 1894, where he peacefully rests sleeping in Jesus.

A. F. DREISBACH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

Resumption and Close.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to Rev. J. O. Miller, *pastor loci*, and the other Reformed pastors, and to the members of the Reformed Churches and other citizens of York, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of Synod.

Resolved, That the pastors be requested to read the foregoing resolution from their pulpits.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby returned to the management of the Pennsylvania, Western Maryland and Cumberland Valley Railroads for the favor of excursion rates granted to the members of Synod passing over those roads.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The journal of Monday's sessions was then read and approved, and the minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Adjournment.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick, Frederick County, Md., Tuesday evening, October 22d, 1895, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday night, October 22d, at 9¾ o'clock, with singing a hymn, repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

R. L. GERHART, *President.*

WM. M. DEATRICK *Stated Clerk.*

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WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

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Aaron Spangler,	Trinity,	7	567	284	56	1	25	4	469	5			15	10		438		162 56	1010 00	507 W. Market St., York, do
Reuben Rahauser,	Without charge.																			112 Strawberry St., Lnctr, do
Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D.	Shrewsbury,	4	765	620	43	11	52	15	625	4			18	4		310	2	475 00	1545 00	Shrewsbury, York County, do
Phaon W. Snyder,	Mt. Pleasant,	3	114	130	7				95	2			8	5		210		26 00	1305 00	Red Lion, do do do
Oliver P. Schellhamer,	Paradise,	4	980	585	75	5	64	9	900	4			31	11		690		599 00	3550 00	413 W. Phila. St., York, do
Aaron H. Leisse,	Dillsburg,	4	288	167	8	3	9	1	186				6	4	6	36		66 13	1350 00	Dillsburg, York County, do
Isaac N. Peightel,	Grace Reformed,	1	212	106	13	2	13	22	186	1		4	2	1	22	320		1711 77	1102 00	N. Hartley St., York, do
Morgan A. Peters,	Zion's Ch., York,	1	550	295	48	1	12	6	385	1		25	17	1	30	400	1	165 00	1800 00	411 W. Phila. St., York, do
Wm. H. Loose,	Red Lion & Frysville,	2	67	50	6				57					2	30	130		50 00	176 00	Red Lion, York County, do
Vacant,	Kreutz Creek,	3	318	268	23	4	15	3	216	8			7	4	152	565		455 00	714 00	
Vacant,	Heidelberg,	1	359	175	15	3	13	16	281	3		9	8	1	30	375	3	487 00	1850 00	York, do
Vacant,	New Freedom,	1	52	20	1	2	4	6	50				1	1		72		22 00	257 00	New Freedom, York Co., do
Total. 10	13	32	4642	2810	315	38	237	85	3770	33		38	123	46	270	4036	6	$6642 21	16613 00	

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms. Inf'ts.	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Offi. & Tea	S. S. Schl's.	Min. Stud	Contributions. Benev. Purp's.	Contributions. Cong'l Purp's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joseph W. Santee, D. D ,	Without charge,																			Cavetown, Md.
George L. Staley, D. D.,	" "																			1628 N. Calvert St., Balt., do
Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.	Evan. Ref Ch., Frdk.,	1	640	360	46	3	47	14	574	17		6	41	1	64	605		$2821 00	$3815 00	Frederick, do
William Goodrich,	Clear Spring,	2	206	100	11	5	13	6	204	4			8	2	20	130		330 00	1055 00	Clear Spring, do
J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.	Zion Ch., Hagerstown,	1	417	225	15	5	21	8	316	9			14	1	39	315		965 00	7800 00	229 N. Potomac St., Hagers'n, do
Joel T. Rossiter, D. D.,	First Church,	1	553	372	46	3	19	10	419	11		5	15	1	41	339	2	1117 00	2794 00	822 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, do
T. Franklin Hoffmeier,	Middletown,	1	470	270	23	1	25	5	327	1			7	1	37	350		747 00	1150 00	Middletown, do
John G. Noss.	Silver Run,	1	570	430	23		10	11	400	15			12	1	19	133	1	561 00	1456 00	Silver Run, do
Anthony Shulenberger,	Mt. Pleasant,	4	173	109	18	1	13	5	167	7			9	4	26	270		128 00	685 00	Mt. Pleasant, do
Conrad Clever, D.D.,	Third Church,	1	362	110	8		14	9	337	9			5	1	38	269	3	1200 00	3000 00	518 W. Mulberry St., Balt., do
Silas M. Hench,	Utica,	3	375	240	28	4	11	2	215	1			6	3	38	219	1	190 00	855 00	Frederick, do
Henry W. Hoffmeier,	Without charge,																			Middletown, do
Jacob B. Kerschner,	" "																			Emmitsburg, do
Louis F. Zinkhan,	Prison Chaplain,																			109 E. Pleasant St., Balt., do
E. Ranson Deatrick.	Trinity,	1	171	100	12	2	6	5	125	10		3	5	1	19	181	1	158 00	820 00	342 3d Ave., Woodberry, do
U. Henry Heilman,	Without charge,																			Jonestown, Pa.
Barton R. Carnahan,	Mt. Moriah	3	211	95	4	5	16	5	177				3	2	36	195	1	170 00	6905 00	Keedysville, Md.
Calvin S. Slagle,	Westminster,	1	142	76	12	1	16	5	123	5		1	6	1	17	90	1	160 00	2285 00	Westminster, do
G. Albert Snyder,	Christ Ch., Hagerstn.,	2	281	108	9	6	17	9	220	3			5	2	32	255	1	227 00	1684 00	Hagerstown, do
Adam S. Weber,	Faith,	1	154	130	27		5	5	103	1			5	1	20	400		133 00	834 00	2424 E. Baltimore St., Balt., do
George A. Whitmore,	Mechanicstown,	4	413	395	31	3	41	12	369	12			13	4	43	371	2	256 00	865 00	Thurmont, do
Newton J. Miller,	Without charge,																			Lancaster, Pa.
A. Thomas G. Apple,	Grace,	1	145	46	5	1	10	8	113	1		1	2	1	17	98		181 00	1024 00	1405 15th St., N. W., Wash., D. C.
Harry F. Dittmar,	Jefferson,	2	214	90	13		9	2	203	7			3	2	26	170		310 00	875 00	Jefferson, Md.
George W. Snyder,	Boonsboro,	2	125	82	3	2	2	5	86	10		1	5	2	24	120		95 00	1033 00	Boonsboro', do
James R. Lewis,	Sabillasville,	3	90	57	6	1	10	1	76	2			1	2	27	140		53 00	710 00	Sabillasville, do
Charles W. Levan,	St. Stephen's,	1	46	35	8		5	6	40				1	1	15	84		18 00	11153 00	330 E. 20th St., Baltimore, do
Hiram J. McAlister,	Carroll,	3	278	120	23	3	13	10	206	9			10	3	22	154		110 00	640 00	Westminster, do
Alvill Conner,	Glade,	2	179	122	13	2	11	5	152	11		2	10	2	47	134		205 00	800 00	Walkersville, do
Charles A. Santee,	Cavetown,	3	391	102	15	2	8	3	331	5		4	16	3	28	173	1	304 00	1136 00	Cavetown, do
William I. Stewart,	Christ,	1	149	117	13	1	17	21	129	2		5	1	1	29	200		182 00	1142 00	2117 Druid Hill Ave., Balt., do
Isaac M. Mother,	Manor,	3	224	144	12		18	12	203	11			3	3	25	210		218 00	8364 00	Adamstown, do
Lloyd E. Corlentz,	St. Paul's,	1	359	176	21	3	21	17	286	12			6	1	35	394	1	571 00	2479 00	470 N. Carrolton Ave, Balt., do
Samuel M. Roeder,	Manchester,	3	555	260	25	1	20	11	386	5		29	6	3	53	243		274 00	1557 00	Manchester, do
Alfred M. Schaffner,	Church of Incarnation	1	130	77	13		12	11	124	8			5	1	12	56		86 00	887 00	Emmitsburg, do
William C. Sykes,	Burkittsville,	2	136	76	3	5	18	5	126				2	2	23	85		62 00	626 00	Burkittsville, do
Alexander Bateman,	Taneytown,	2	300	150	4		12	26	260	1		25	1	1	12	175			820 00	Taneytown, do
K. Otis Spessard,	Union Bridge,	3	280	141	27	2	15	5	244	5		1	6	3	16	170		114 00	1137 00	Union Bridge, do
	Fairview,	1	52	30		1	4		42				3	1	10	30		36 00	75 00	
Joseph H. Apple, Jr.,	Licentiate,																			Frederick, do
Christopher Noss,	"																			
Total, 40.		61	8785	4915	517	63	479	259	7329	194		83	235	58	910	6754	15	11982 00	$70466 00	

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms. Infant	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools'	Offi. & Tea.	S.S. Schl's.	Stud. for the Min'y.	Contributions. Benev'nt purposes	Contributions. Cong'nal purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
William M. Deatrick, D.D.,	Without charge,																	$25 00		Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Jacob Hassler, D. D.	Without charge,																			Fort Loudon, do do
William C. Cremer,	Without charge,																			Chambersburg, do do
Franklin F. Bahner,	Waynesboro,	2	505	215	19	15	30	13	440	8			11	2	40	475		431 55	$1450 00	Waynesboro, do do
G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.,	Without charge,																			Greenvillage, do do
George B. Russell, D.D.,	Without charge,																			Zullinger, do do
Jonas B. Shontz,	2d Church, Chamb'g,	1	290	123	15	16	17	25	282	8		13	4	1	21	319		237 50	1730 94	Chambersburg, do do
Zwingli A. Yearick,	Mercersburg,	2	341	147	5	6	17	10	228	16			7	2	28	190		468 90	1089 83	Mercersburg, do do
Tilghman R. Dietz,	Shippensburg,	1	228	80	1	2	8	11	207	6			6	1	19	194		279 84	1133 61	Shippensburg, Cumberland do
Sefellen E. Stofflet,	St. Paul's, Waynesboro	2	225	150	32	4	10	5	175	5			7	2	27	225		339 70	1319 50	Waynesboro, Franklin do
Irwin M. Beaver,	Grindstonehill,	2	401	171	22	41	67	14	366	7		1	15	2	35	275	1	178 00	1080 75	Marion do do
George C. Erb,	McConnellsburg,	3	126	86	6				117	7			6	4	24	160		82 68	350 00	McConnellsburg, Fulton do
Calvin U Heilman,	Greencastle,	2	387	240	10	21	41	63	345	14			12	2	51	248		184 02	1080 94	Greencastle, Franklin do
William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	1st Ch., Chambersbrg.*	1	460	335	10	10	22	6	370	4			4	1	28	315		1592 74	2128 57	Chambersburg, do do
George S. Gill,	Loudon,*	3	206	90	9	2	8	6	177	4		2	5	3	27	175	1	131 15	650 00	Fort Loudon, do do
Vacant,	St. Thomas,	4	180	96	9	6	11	2	147	6			4	4	23	174	1	70 80	575 90	St. Thomas, do do
"	Mont Alto,	3	133	62	4		3	4	104	2			1	2	18	105	1	72 00	2154 05	Mont Alto, do do
George R. Zacharias,	Disabled,																			Upper Strasburg, do do
David P. Lefever,	Without charge,																			Chambersburg, do do
John M. North,	Licentiate,																			Mercersburg, do do
Louis C. Summer,	"																			Shady Grove, do do
Wm. Mann Irvine, Ph.D.,	" Pres. M. Coll.																			Mercersburg, do do
Total, 20.		26	3482	1795	142	123	234	159	2958	87		16	82	26	341	2855	4	$4093 88	$14744 09	

* Recently taken charge.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Scholars, Teachers & Officers.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults											Benev. Purp.	Cong. Purp.	
Henry St. John Rinker,	Without charge,																		Maurertown, Virginia.
Henry Talhelm,	Without charge,																		Edenburg, do
John A. Hoffheins, D.D.	Martinsburg,	1	334	170	11		10	8	257	4			2	1	186	1	$523 55	$1356 51	Martinsburg, West Virginia.
John W. Rauch,	Falling Waters,	1	8	10	3	3	2	6						1	35			114 00	Do do
George G. Everhart,	Shepherdstown,	2	149	58	13	2	14		129	4		2		2	142		154 00	500 00	Shepherdstown, do
John T. Balliet,	Middlebrook,	3	168	65	10	5	8	6	108	3			6	2	220	1	48 50	425 00	Middlebrook, Virginia.
Josiah May,	Without charge,																		Mt. Jackson, do
Thomas K. Cromer,	Lovettsville,	1	95	77	12	2	8		81	1			2	1	73		93 60	498 00	Lovettsville, do
Lewis Reiter,	Roanoke,	1	20	16	2		1	1	20					1	50		27 00	370 00	Roanoke, do
Calvin B. Heller,	Mt. Crawford,	2	161	52		4	6	2	148	4			4	2	201		314 00	874 00	Mt. Crawford, do
James B. Stonesifer,	Winchester,	2	116	78	13		19		72	2			4	2	110	1	71 50	678 50	Winchester, do
Samuel A. Hitner,	Edenburg,	3	172	55	4	5	17	39	161	1		1	1	2	89		57 12	895 00	Lantz's Mills, do
Albert B. Bauman,	Harrisville,	2	179	86	7	1	8		169			1	5	2	135		130 00	655 00	Tom's Brook, do
William A. Korn,	Rockingham,	4	359	88	13	7	20	2	284	7			11	4	217		376 00	1030 00	Cross Keys, do
Nehemiah H. Skyles,	Woodstock,	2	229	123	3	3	8	2	190				6	1	150	2	412 71	711 50	Woodstock, do
J. Phillip Harner,	Timberville,	2	160	84	10	3	11	5	136	1			1	2	100		84 00	420 00	Timberville, do
Henry Ditzler,	Mill Creek,	4	158	150	8	3	9	4	113				1	1	65		55 00	775 00	Mt. Jackson, do
J. W. Rauch, Supply,	Smithfield,	1	20	8															Martinsburg, West Virginia.
J. Silor Garrison,	Licentiate,																		Middletrook, Virginia.
Total, 18.	14	31	2328	1120	109	38	141	75	1865	27		4	43	24	1773	5	$2346 98	$9302 51	

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptism.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Students for Min try	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults											Benev. Purp.	Cong. Purp.	
Thomas Long,	Without Charge,																		Salem, North Carolina.
Jesse W. Cecil,	Without Charge,																		Thomasville, do
John Ingle,	Without Charge,																		Green Park. do
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.,	Lincoln,	4	263	149	10		12	4	210	2				3	150		$75 00	$650 00	Newton, do
John A. Foil, Ph.D.,	Prof. in Catawba College,																		Do do
Peter M. Trexler, D.D.,	Without Charge,																		China Grove, do
Michael L. Hedrick;	Mount Tabor Mission,	1	41	31	4		1		25				1	1	60		5 00	25 00	Silver Hill. do
Paul Barringer,	East Rowan,	2	301	225	15	1	26	5	204	1			2	2	290	1	191 00	145 00	Heilig, do
Joseph L. Murphy,	Hickory,	3	195	110	22	1	22	10	186	6			3	3	180		64 00	955 00	Hickory, do
Jacob C. Leonard,	Upper Davidson	5	443	146	19	6	20	13	350	3		23	5	5	342	1	130 00	749 00	Lexington, do
Jacob M. L. Lyerly,	Central Rowan,	4	165	163	27	2	12	13	159	9	1	1	4	4	307	1	54 00	398 00	Faith, do
Andrew H. Smith,	Newton,	1	120	65	11		1	5	100	2		2	1	1	80		88 00	2272 00	Newton, do
James D. Andrew,	Guilford,	4	380	308	13	3	18		304	3		1	2	2	250	1	103 00	610 00	Danville, do
Julius H. Shuford,	Without Charge,																		Middlebrook, Virginia.
Harvey A. M. Holshouser,*	Catawba,	4	144	98	2			1	104				1	1	42		22 00	421 00	Conover, North Carolina.
Wm. H. McNairy,†	Lower Davidson,	5	283	186	3	6	19		167	2		16	3	3	179		12 00	95 00	McKee, do
B. Frank Davis,‡	Concord,	2	231	142	12			2	190				2	2			52 00	1370 00	Concord, do
Vacant,	West Rowan,	2	231	173	7		4	1	229	1			2	2	93		42 00	465 00	China Grove, do
Vacant,	Mount Bethel Mission,	1	32	28	2		3	3	28	1			1	1	56		8 00	43 00	Blowing Rock, do
Total, 17.		38	2829	1670	147	18	138	57	2246	30	1	43	23	30	2029	4	$846 00	$8198 00	

* Became pastor of Catawba charge June 1st, 1894. † Pastor of Lower Davidson charge since 1st of June, 1894. ‡ Assumed pastorate August 1st, 1894.

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms. Inft's.	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Offices, Teh. in S. School	S. S. Schl's.	Stud. Min.	Contributions. Benev. Pur.	Contributions. Cong. Pur.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
William K. Zieber, D. D.,	Without charge,																			Hanover, York County, Pa.
John C. Bowman, D.D.,	Prof. in Seminary,																			444 W. James st., Lancaster, do
Thomas J. Barkley, D.D.,	Gettysburg,	2	392	352	14	3	18	9	333	6			6	1	28	240	1	$285 00	$1130 00	Gettysburg, Adams Co., do
John H. Hartman,	Lischeys,	4	675	450	50	1		2	630	10			17	3	20	185		247 00	1100 00	Hanover, York do do
Franklin A. Guth,	Jefferson,	3	700	649	62	4	31	12	660	5			15	3		345	1	310 00	2500 00	Codorus, do do do
Walter E. Krebs,	Without charge,																			Littlestown, Adams do do
Francis S. Lindaman,	Christ Church,	3	710	500	43	2	33	14	600	14			17	3	30	400	1	587 00	1400 00	Littlestown, do do do
Vacant,	East Berlin,	4	330	180	7	4	5	5	267	7			7	3	49	203		87 00	641 00	East Berlin, Adams Co., do
Joseph D. Peters,	Second Hanover,	1	451	307	32	1	16	27	403	7		11	26	1	26	370	2	20 00	2050 00	Hanover, York do do
George B. Resser,	First Hanover,	1	385	170	7		11	7	315	5			10	1	38	237		2192 00	1912 00	Hanover, do do do
George P. Stem,	Littlestown,	1	285	160	15		7	22	245	10			6	1	21	150	2	237 00	853 00	Littlestown, Adams do do
Edward D. Miller,	West Manheim,	2	220	80	11		3	6	191	2			6	2	10	100		87 00	420 00	Hanover, York do do
J. Marion Mickley,	Without charge,																			M'Knightstown, Adams Co., do
John F. Mackley, M.D.,	Cashtown,	3	358	214	15		23	8	305	7		1	6	3	29	200		191 00	867 00	Fairfield, do do
William D. Lefevre,	Without charge,																			Littlestown, do do
Peter E. Heimer,	Abbottstown,	3	510	342	35	9	39	20	482	7			15	2	34	185		117 00	944 00	New Oxford, do do
Milton M. Noacher,	Arendtsville,	2	428	310	10	5	36	11	364	5			6	2	34	258	1	250 00	938 00	Arendtsville, do do
Total, 16.		29	5444	3714	300	29	222	143	4795	85		12	137	25	319	2873	10	$4610 00	$16150 00	

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Schl's.	Stud. Min.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infl's.	Adults												Benev. Pur.	Cong. Pur.		
Wm. R. H. Deatrich,	New Bloomfield,	3	356	151	23	1	13	7	355	21			15	3	46	474	1	$458 00	$1320 00	Newport, Perry County,	Pa.
J. David Miller,	Duncannon,	3	194	76	14		4	11	159	9			6	2	36	231	1	219 10	779 00	Marysville, Perry County,	do
Wm. H. Groh,	Sulphur Spring,	4	204	102	5	1	2	1	161			2	3	3	21	130	2	200 07	652 16	Carlisle, Cumberland County,	do
Joseph W. Bell,	Newburg,	1	154	77	7			3	141	3			1	1	16	100		103 00	731 00	Newburg, Cumberland Co.,	do
George A. House,	Landisburg,	4	401	259	23		12	3	317	12			3	4	46	341		329 00	2059 00	Landisburg, Perry County,	do
Samuel P. Stauffer,	Zion's,	4	478	305	29	3	16	9	355	6			10	5	60	450	3	265 00	1961 00	Blain, Perry County,	do
James M. Runkle,	Mechanicsburg,	1	243	108	3	5	13	2	183	4			4	1	22	155		260 69	1401 30	Mechanicsburg, Cumberland,	do
Vacant,	Carlisle,	1	311	158	5	4	18	8	276	5			7	1	23	190		308 00	2050 00	Carlisle, Cumberland County,	do
Solomon B. Schafer,	Without charge,																			Martinsburg, Blair County,	do
Milton H. Groh,	Without charge,																			Columbus, Ohio.	
Sam'l N. Callender, D.D.	Sec'y B'd For'n Missions.																			Mechanicsburg, Cumberland,	Pa.
Total, 10.		21	2341	1236	106	14	78	44	1947	60		2	49	20	270	2077	7	$2142 86	$10953 46		

CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregati's.	Members.	Members unconfirmed.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prof.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. School Scholars.	Studts. for Min.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.												Benev. Purp's.	Cong'l Purp's.	
Freder'k A. Rupley, D.D.,	Without charge,																			Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
William A. Long,	Hickory Bottom,	3	346	104	19	5	18	3	314	8		4	3	3	47	211		$145 00	$800 00	Martinsburg, do do
John W. Pontius,	Martinsburg,	2	326	163	14	2	20	6	307	3			8	2	32	187	1	252 10	1010 00	Martinsburg, do do
R. Leighton Gerhart,	Bedford,	1	172	70	7	1	8	1	150	13		1	2	1	17	130		192 00	1129 00	Bedford, Bedford Co., do
Samuel C. Stover,	Dunning's Creek,	3	289	187	11	5	23	1	250	6			6	3	32	217		198 00	783 00	Cessna, do do
Vacant,	Huntingdon,	1	284	95	7	5	18	25	238	5		2	5	1	27	217	1	376 00	1788 00	Huntingdon, Huntingdon Co., do
Homer S. May,	Sulphur Springs,	3	332	206	11	1	18	20	291	11		13	5	1	9	100		160 00	677 00	Mann's Choice, do do
John F. Moyer,	Altoona (Christ's),	1	522	246	30	4	13	43	455	7		39	14	2	20	310		469 00	2494 79	12th Ave., Altoona, do
Titus C. Strock,	Woodcock Valley,	5	429	291	25	9	28	17	402	14	1	11	13	5	73	406	1	118 00	1157 00	James Creek, Huntingdon Co., do
Simon U. Waugaman,	Greenfield,	4	522	649	55	11	47	6	390	4		1	16	5	41	403		316 00	723 00	Claysburg, Blair Co., do
Daniel G. Hetrick,	Schellsburg,	3	206	162	20	2	9	2	197	10	1	5	5	2	17	100		111 00	563 00	Schellsburg, Bedford Co., do
Edward W. Stonebraker,	Yellow Creek,	2	195	114	15		9	10	158			3	8	2	33	197		385 00	700 00	Loysburg, do do
Ambrose C. Geary,	Friend's Cove,	3	200	175	12	7	30	9	175	2			8	3	38	100		150 00	700 00	Charlesville, do do
Thomas N. Reber,	St. Clairsville,	3	335	208	9	2	18	1	257	9		1	5	1	24	241	3	501 00	1062 00	St. Clairsville, do do
Harry E. Jones,	McConnellstown,	3	319	76	21	18	50	26	313	17			8	3	33	220	2	213 00	1252 00	McConnellst'n, Hunt'don Co., do
William H. Landis,	Orbisonia,	3	84	55	8	3	12	5	73	7		3	5	2	18	110		39 00	437 00	Orbisonia, do do
Lewis Robb,	Trin. Miss., Altoona	1	284	150	10	3	16	17	256	3		20	4	1	29	330		205 00	2223 00	611 8th Street, Altoona, do
Eugene L. McLean,	Everett,	2	127	85	6	8	15	5	110	4			2	1	18	130		191 00	1391 00	Everett, Bedford Co., do
Louis C. Harnish,	Clear Ridge,	3	94	40	15	11	25	5	84	1			3	2	17	139	1	23 00	154 88	Clearville, do do
Freder'k A. Rupley, Jr.,*	Water Street,	3	419	283	20	1	2		309				6	2	31	275		91 61		Alexandria, Huntingdon Co., do
Total, 19.		49	5185	3379	305	98	379	202	4929	123	2	103	126	42	556	4023	9	$4135 71	$19044 67	

* Installed since the meeting of Classis.

CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults											Benev. Purp's.	Cong'l Purp's.	
John Gantenbein, D. D.,	Without charge,																		Portland, Oregon.
Jacob Müllhaupt,	Salem, Scio, Mt. Plsnt.	3	94	86	6		5	3	72	2				3	80		$15 00	$300 00	352 Marion St., Salem, Oregon.
Gottfried Graedel,	Ballard,	1	28	38	3			2	20			7	1	1	36		12 00	97 00	Ballard, Washington.
Herman Liesmann,	West Union,	1	64	98	8			4	40				2	1	53		10 00	215 00	Glencoe, Oregon.
Rudolph Staub,	St. Peters,	2	51	31	3		8	11	35	27				1	23		32 00	188 00	Mink, Clackamas Co., Oregon.
	St. Johannes,		18	18	2				18				1	1	12		12 00		
Jacob G. Schmid,	Astoria and Stella,	2	32	25	9				16					1	12			120 00	276 Kensington Av., Astoria, Ore.
John G. Biegert,	1st Ref. Ger., Seattle,	1	25	12	6		2		24	4		3	2	1	47		26 00	115 00	1316 Seventh St., Seattle, Wash.
Theodore Wartmann,	Portland,	1	100	110	30		9		80					1	60		15 00	800 00	10th & Stark Sts., Portland, Ore.
Adolf H. Baumann,	Meridian,	1	71	48	4			12	38			1		1	33		66 00	287 00	Wilsonville, Clackamas Co., Ore.
Gottlieb Hafner,	Washougal,	1	16	8				1	8				1	1	9		49 00	75 00	Washougal, Washington.
Vacant, no report,	Napa, Cal.,	1																	
Vacant, no report,	Stockton, Cal.,	1																	
Total, 10.		15	499	474	71		24	33	351	33		11	7	12	365		$237 00	$2207 00	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommun'd.	Erasures of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Holy Ministry.	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.												Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega'l Purposes.
Zion's, - - - -	10	32	4,642	2,810	315	38	237	85	3,770	32		38	123	46	270	4,036	6	$6,642 21	$16,613 00
Maryland, - - -	40	61	8,875	4,945	517	63	479	259	7,329	194		83	235	58	910	6,754	15	11,982 00	70,460 00
Mercersburg, - - -	20	26	3,482	1,795	142	123	234	159	2,958	87		16	82	26	341	2,855	4	4,098 88	14,744 09
Virginia, - - -	18	31	2,328	1,120	109	38	141	75	1,865	27		4	43	24		1,773	5	2,346 98	9,302 57
North Carolina, - - -	17	38	2,829	1,670	147	18	138	57	2,246	30	1	43	23	30		2,029	4	846 00	8,198 00
Gettysburg - - -	16	29	5,444	3,714	300	29	222	143	4,795	85		12	137	25	319	2,873	10	4,610 00	16,750 00
Carlisle - - - -	10	21	2,341	1,236	106	11	78	44	1,947	60		2	49	20	270	2,077	7	2,142 86	10,953 99
Juniata, - - -	19	49	5,185	3,379	305	98	379	202	4,929	123	2	103	126	42	556	4,023	9	4,135 71	19,049 00
Portland-Oregon, - -	10	15	499	474	71		24	33	351	33		11	7	12		365		237 00	2,207 00
Total, - - - - 9 Classes,	160	302	35,625	21,143	2,012	418	1,932	1,057	30,163	671	3	312	825	283	2,666	26,785	60	$39,068 64	$158,228 65
Eastern Synod, - - 11 Classes,	268	508	91,648	50,260	5,608	584	4,174	2,514	74,696	1,306		1,301	2,490	620	7,709	69,514	117	$140,726 00	$391,404 00
Synod of Ohio, - - 6 Classes,	115	223	21,011	5,890	714	664	1,442	949	17,031	494	4	736	342	198	2,401	19,381	29	16,921 86	118,432 93
Synod of Pittsburgh, - 5 Classes,	72	164	17,103	9.609	1,000	135	734	745	13,606	431		317	324	117	697	10,372	10	20,166 44	65,601 69
Synod of the North West, 10 Classes,	142	214	20,016	13,737	1,832	29	1,233	954	14,198	244	5	315	510	186		10,602	35	14,487 00	92,366 00
German Synod of the East, 5 Classes,	53	53	13,616	9,936	2,159	14	717	926	10,687	103	1	697	445	51	1,100	10,711	11	9,390 00	78,493 00
Central Synod, - - - 4 Classes,	80	116	19,588	11,447	1,281	65	899	910	14,346	253	6	479	390	103	1,450	11,850	23	13,958 00	98,066 00
Synod of the Interior, - 5 Classes,	48	66	2,866	1,311	156	60	158	183	2,101	74		142	67	52	408	3,015	6	3,263 24	15,033 30
Grand Total, 8 Dis't Synods; 55 Classes,	938	1,646	221,473	123,333	14,762	1,969	11289	8,238	176,828	3,576	19	4,499	5,393	1,610	16,431	162,230	291	$257,949 28	1,017,625 57

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